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FAVOURITES FACE EARLY EXTINCTION



By Mark Stavroulakis

The second week of the World Cup has produced some amazing results as the tournament gears towards the dreaded quarter-final stages.

In unbelievable scenes, joint favourites to win this year's Cup, Italy and Argentina and '98 World Cup Champions France all face the daunting prospect of not making the next stages of the World Cup.

After their shock one-nil loss to African giant-killers Senegal in their opening match, the French

with 10-men drew to a tough Uruguay outfit. One of France's beloved star's Thierry Henry was sent off for a challenge during the match, and will miss the 'Les Blues' crucial last match against the impressive Danes. With Zinedine Zidane returning from injury, the French need to score more than two goals to keep their World Cup hopes alive.

Argentina face a similar task after losing one-nil to arch-rivals England last week. A David Beckham spot-kick sent Bielsa's men tumbling back to earth and now face a tough Swedish outfit to determine their fate in the following rounds. Being tipped before

the tournament as favourites to lift the World Cup, controversy has hit the side with Argentine captain Juan Sebastian Veron facing the awkward task of sitting on the bench. A side with flair and elegance in their play, Argentina will need to be at their best against the Swedes who have taken four points from their first two matches.

Finally, the 'pin up boys' of Europe, Italy could face an end to their World Cup campaign after their dubious 2-1 loss to Croatia. The Italians took the lead through leading marksman Christian Vieri, however fell two goals down to a gritty Croatian side. The talk-

ing point of the match was the two disallowed goals scored by Vieri and Inzaghi.

Italian coach Giovanni Trapattoni was furious with the refereeing that could cost his side a QuarterFinal spot. Italy's final match is against the plucky Mexicans who have proved many critics wrong by winning both matches.

The strike power of Vieri, the magical touches of AS Roma star Francesco Totti, and the Italians trademark defence will be more than needed come this Thursday.

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AUSSIES ABROAD

BY BINESH MUDALIAR

English tabloid *The Sunday Sun* reported last week that contrary to widespread media reports, Newcastle United has yet to seriously consider bringing **BRETT EMERTON** to St James Park from Feyenoord. Club spokesperson Fred Blankemeijer said, "Newcastle have not made an offer for Brett Emerton and there are no talks between the two clubs at present."

"There is nothing else to say on this matter at the moment."

The speculation, at this point in time, is that Newcastle is still favourite to sign Emerton ahead of Liverpool and Leeds United due to Senegal midfielder Salif Diao signing for the Anfield club and Leeds' inability thus far to offload want-away Frenchman Olivier Dacourt. The one stumbling block for the Bobby Robson's Magpies could be the £10,000,000 fee that Feyenoord are likely to place on Emerton.

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One of the many highlights of the Italy v Croatia game on Saturday night was the battle between the two 'Aussies', Italy striker **CHRISTIAN VIERI** and Croatia defender, **JOSIP SIMUNIC**. On the bench for the Croatia

was Australian Institute of Sport graduate **ANTE SERIC** and according to reports emanating from Italy, Seric could well be teaming up with Vieri at Inter Milan next season. The mail is that Seric is in negotiation with Internazionale vis-à-vis a £4,000,000 transfer from fellow Serie A club, Hellas Verona.

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Portsmouth manager Harry Redknapp has completed the signing of his three main defenders for the 2002/2003 season. Joining Socceroo **HAYDEN FOXE** in Pompey's defence will be former Telstar, Barnsley and Wigan player Arjan De Zeeuw and Eddie Howe from Bournemouth. Redknapp failed in bringing Cameroon international Raymond Kalla to Fratton Park.

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In a surprise development Socceroo striker **PAUL AGOSTINO** has decided against a move to Werner Lorant's Fenerbache. Lorant, who was Agostino's former manager at 1860 Munich, was keen for Agostino to form a strike partnership with Brazilian player Washington but Agostino was quoted one the One Football website as saying, "I have lost my good feeling [about the transfer]

and I don't have the best impression of the club either and that's why I turned down the chance to join Fenerbache."

The word is that Agostino will now remain at 1860 until his contract expires in 2005 and then depart on a Bosman

from Lillestrom, a Norwegian club that Petkovic was on loan to last year. The report continues by stating that Petkovic will receive £100,000 a year and that Lillestrom will be paid £250,000 by Trabzonspor as a compensation fee!

the type of player that the club was looking for". Nevertheless, Catanzaro's excellent form saw another second division club, Volendam, offer him a trial and he will be heading back to Holland for the club's pre-season training in late July/early August. Catanzaro said of his football future, "I really hope the Volendam trial works out. If not, hopefully I can come back to Australia and get a spot with a NSL club. I was very disappointed with the way Mick Hickman offered players such as myself and Gabriel Méndez playing chances at Spirit and hope that this experience is not repeated if or when I return to Australia."

Catanzaro also spoke of another Aussie that impressed him in Holland, namely, 15 year-old Victorian striker **MARK TSIORLAS** of FC Utrecht.

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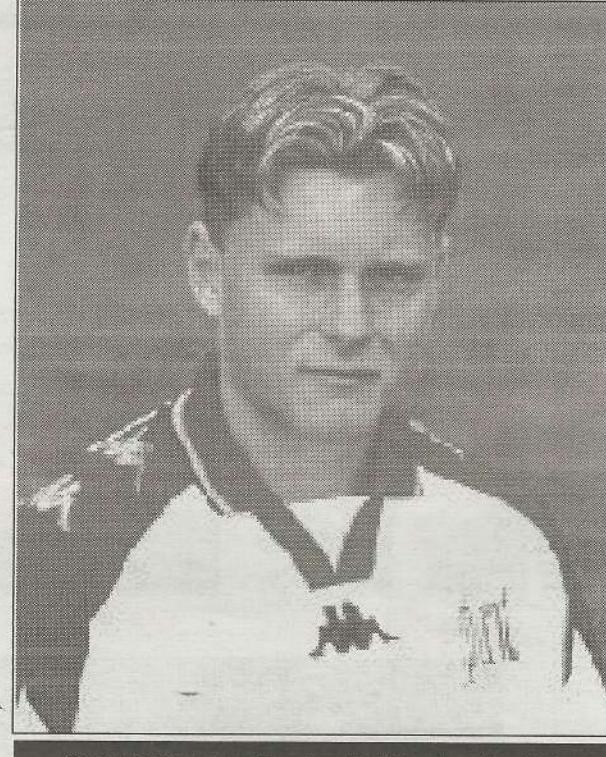
★ Former Sydney Olympic striker **FRANCO PARISI** is back in Australia following a stint with Dutch second division club Telstar. Parisi has had offers from Holland and several Italian clubs including one Serie B outfit.

★ Sources close to former Wollongong Wolves premiership player **PAUL REID** have informed ABSW that he is holidaying in Italy and will return to England once the new season kicks-off. Reid is expected to return to Wolverhampton Wanderers for further trials.

★ 17 year-old midfielder **CHRIS HOCHULI** will shortly depart Australia to take up a contract with Swiss club FC Basel's youth team. Hochuli won a contract with Basel in August last year following a one-week trial.

★ In more news from FC Basel, former Wollongong Wolves favourite son **SCOTT CHIPPERFIELD** has been linked with a move to German club Arminia Bielefeld. Last season, Chipperfield played 33 league games and scored 6 goals for the Swiss league champions. Meantime, **IVAN ERGIC** will stay on loan to Basel from Juventus next season.

★ Goalkeeper **KYRIAKOS TOHOUROGLOU** is expected to follow manager Dusan Bajevic from PAOK Salonika to AEK Athens. The two were previously together at Olympiakos.



Simon Catanzaro: Heading to Volendam for trials.

free transfer. Current 1860 boss Peter Pacult sided with Agostino in his decision to reject a move to Turkey. Pacult said, "I can understand him, the Turks kept him waiting for more than eight weeks. Next season we will have six strikers and that's tough competition."

26 year-old Agostino, who is third in the pecking order of strikers behind Davor Suker and Martin Max, played 19 league games last season and scored 6 goals.

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Here's one that ABSW are not too sure what to make of. NSL club South Melbourne released a media statement during the week that goalkeeper **MICHAEL PETKOVIC** had signed for Turkish giants Trabzonspor. No transfer fee or details of the contract were announced.

ABSW has come across a report from the One Football website which states that Petkovic signed a two-year contract after Trabzonspor purchased him

26 year-old Petkovic, who will join former South Melbourne team-mate Tansel Baser at Trabzonspor, was signed by new manager Samer Aybaba after a disappointing season by Turkish international goalkeeper Metin Aktas.

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ABSW EXCLUSIVE:

SIMON CATANZARO is back in Australia following his recent stint in Dutch football. The 21 year-old attacking midfielder was scouted by second division club Go Ahead Eagles after they saw him in action for Northern Spirit and suitably impressed by scoring four goals in three trial games in Holland.

But in a bizarre decision, Catanzaro was told "he was not

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Michael Petkovic: Purchased from Lillestrom for approximately \$660,000.

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The magnificent and spectacular current World Cup Finals finish in 19 days time and just eight days later the 'Pacific Umbro Soccer Camps' kick-off during the July School Holidays. Perfect timing really.

Due entirely to the fact that these fabulous World Cup games for the very first time are being extensively telecast at Prime and most sane hours for Australian viewers. Soccer has automatically had a massive impact on a new and much bigger wave of Australian youngsters.

In fact the Live telecasting of these current World Cup matches already has boosted and magnetised the number of young Australians to Soccer. The kids today are already talking at school about Hong, Inamoto, Beckham, Klose, Figo, Owen, Keane, Ronaldo, Rivaldo etc.

The World Cup's current coverage has infected thousands of Australian school kids who now are rapidly developing a stronger passion for the game that's played in heaven.

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The highly experienced and well-known Fred Wall, the Camps' Manager and leading Youth Goalkeeping coach, will be based during the April Camps at the St Ives Soccer Camp.

Special discounts are extended to Families, Groups or Clubs registrations. The four hour daily Camps kick-off on Monday July 8 and go through till Friday July 12th.

Registrations to attend these excellent July School holiday Soccer Camps close on 5th July 2002.

Enrolments must be fully completed by this last date to ensure your child's acceptance into one of the above 14 and well situated Soccer Camps.

For further information, booking enquiries and registrations, please make contact by phoning the Pacific Umbro Soccer Camp offices on 02-9977 2992 or by Faxing to 02-9977 0376. Don't leave it too late.

As well as these Soccer Camps, Mr Alagich has set up the special 'Pacific Umbro Soccer Academy' classes. These classes are conducted every Sunday morning from 9.00 till 10.30am until July 8th for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 13 at Castle Hill, Frenchs Forest, Hunters Hill, Hurstville as well as at St Ives.

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These quality Soccer Camps over the past two decades have been well designed as well as fine-tuned by the highly experienced Technical Director, Mr Richard Alagich.

Mr Alagich commented to ABSW: "We're most proud of our Soccer Camps. The strong and great reputation that we have tenaciously worked at to build up over these long years, has been worth it."

"Believe me it has been very hard work. However we have consciously strived to give quality, as well as value, to all young students that come to our popular Soccer Camps."

Mr Alagich added: "Even in recent years, our reputation in coaching youngsters has

For all teams, staying in the World Cup will have its price.

The 2002 World Cup continues into its second week and the stakes are getting high. For some teams the dream could be over as soon as tonight, and for the others the competition gets even tougher. As always, SportsTAB will have a range of betting options for the remaining matches including Result, Correct Score, First Goal Scorer, Half/Fulltime Double and World Cup Winner. So no matter who your favourite country is (even if you have a new one), there's no better way to show your support than with a SportsTAB bet.

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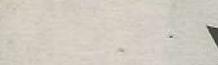
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By Mark Stavroulakis

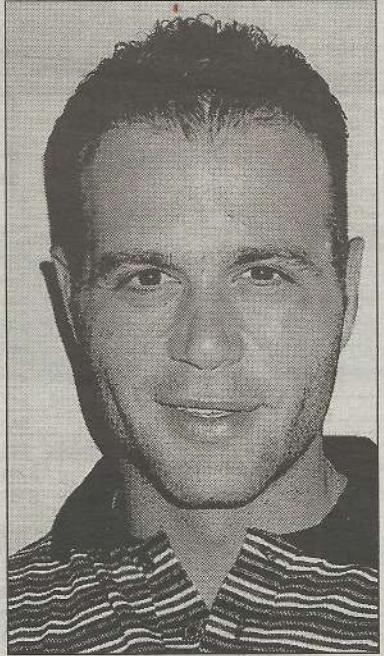
The man with one of the most lethal strikers in the National League, Con Boutsianis will not be apart of the Blue and White army of South Melbourne next season.

The club has yet to offer Con a contract for next season and indications are strong that he will take part in the National League with another team.

Perth Glory are believed to have shown interest in the former Football Kingz star, however, if the club manages to sign Knights star player Joel Porter, the move for Boutsianis could fall through.

The 32-year-old had an outstanding season last year but had its moments as Boutsianis was involved in the Kingz-South Melbourne saga.

The resurgence of South Melbourne making the top six was thanks to some spectacular football played by



Dean Anastasiadis: Wolves custodian could be South Melbourne's number one next season.

Boutsianis.

Other players to follow 'Boutsy' are Clayton Bell and Joe Bacak. The pair are believed to be looking for a contract either in Australia or overseas.

Meanwhile, former South Melbourne keeper Dean Anastasiadis is said to be on his way back to Bob Jane Stadium.

The Wollongong Wolves Player of the Year has been scouted by Nick Theodorakopoulos' Parramatta Power, however South Melbourne look as though they will win the race in signing up 'Deano'.

South Melbourne will have a goalkeeper spot vacant for next season after Michael Petkovic signed with Turkish 1st Division outfit Trabzonspor for 2-years.

Con Boutsianis: Talk has it that the left-footed star could find himself out of South Melbourne.

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UEFA Cup changes on the way?

By Daniel Kuziow.

Europe's top clubs and UEFA will discuss proposals for a revamp of the UEFA Cup to enhance the image and financial viability of the continent's second major club competition.

Officials from 11 leading European clubs will sit on the inaugural board of the newly formed European Club Forum, where the two parties will deal with issues of mutual interest.

"It is important to create this interaction between UEFA and the clubs participating in the European competitions, and to make it work" said UEFA's professional football and marketing division Lars-Christer Olsson.

"This is an important step forward in European football."

The forum, which will replace the Club Panel, will meet at least twice a year and covering a wide spectrum of the European game including, among other things, competition formats, marketing and rights strategies, and developments and partnership opportunities within the field of new communications UEFA said.

The revamp of the UEFA Cup competition will be one of the first subjects up for discussion by the forum, with both sides agreeing that a fresh profile is needed in the current sporting and commercial climate after the UEFA Club Panel described the competition as "an unsatisfactory product in a declining market".

"We have to make it a product that makes an impression in the market as an attractive alternative to the UEFA Champions League," UEFA chief executive Gerhard Aigner told the meeting.

On the cards for the 2003/2004 season is a 40-club group stage and four knockout phases. The eventual UEFA cup winner would then qualify directly for Europe's premier club competition, the Champions League.

With the UEFA cup reaching every corner of Europe domestic competitions, this could have a huge impact on the large number of Australians in the various European Leagues. It was only last season that Brett Emerton won a UEFA Cup medal with Feyenoord after the Dutch team beat German rivals Borussia Dortmund.



SOURIS A SHARK?

National League Grand-Final winners the Olympic Sharks are believed to be on the verge of signing Wollongong Wolves Captain George Souris.

The tough defender is out-of-contract with the Wolves for next season and has already attracted interest from rival National League clubs.

The 32-year-old missed a major part of last season due to injury but is looking forward to the new season in getting his career back in place.

The Sharks look set to lose former Australian international Steve Laybutt to overseas football meaning a defensive spot is up for grabs at Toyota Park.

Olympic have been busy negotiating contracts with current players and talk from Toyota Park has the majority of the players signing on for another two seasons.

One such player, live wire winger Andy Packer has packed his bags for overseas trials and pending on the outcome, will either continue to play with the Sharks or hopefully get an overseas contract.

10 players are currently taking part in 'Frank Farina's development squad' for a possible position in the Socceroo side for the Nations Cup.

The club is also yet to announce its future in terms of who will be running the show at Cronulla.

English Premier League side Leeds United are still rumoured to be taking over the side, but nothing has been said on this issue formally.

A decision will be announced soon as the club will head some important board meeting talks in the following weeks.



George Souris: The tough defender might don the Olympic Sharks jersey next year.

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

By Ben Moring

Tony Rafty O.A.M. is one of the world's leading caricature artists and has captured some of sports' most influential people with flair and creativity.

Figures cover a wide range of the sporting spectrum. Olympians, cricketers, footballers, golfers, tennis players as well as politicians and show business personalities have become subjects for this internationally renowned and respected drawer.

Perhaps one of the ultimate accolades of his work, Tony was the first person in the world to have drawings of sporting champions reproduced on stamps.

Even the great Maradona and Pele have been immortalised in his artwork. Especially significant for this World Cup is his portrayal of

Italian superstar Christian Vieri.

The 'striking' images of the powerhouse forward convey emotive feelings, a great player and goal scoring exponent, all summed up neatly on the page.



Rafty's portrayal of Italy's superstar striker Christian Vieri.

In 1999, Tony was afforded the chance of meeting Christian Vieri in Sydney and the player was extremely excited by the drawings, spending time and posing for photographs.

The images quite simply act upon a different tangent. Many stars are captured in conventional photography and highlight reels and identified through the more common media forms. The drawings allow the beholder to conjure up their own thoughts.

Rafty's drawings are not simply lines on a page, there is a deep understanding of his subjects and he captures their auras and idiosyncrasies, with really are the make-up of the sporting icon.

A keen golfer, Rafty played in the Australian Open of Golf at the age of 17 and reached the 3rd round of the Australian Amateur Championship in 1946, showing



Tony Rafty shows off his creation of Christian Vieri to the Italian striker upon his Sydney visit in 1999.

that he has an understanding of sport that many other artists would not. We will let the art speak for itself.

FOOTBALL IS ON EVERYONE'S LIPS

By Mark Stavroulakis

What a wonderful start to the World Cup we've had. It is safe to say that this has been one of the most exciting World Cups yet, filled with the ingredients of a movie. Drama, comedy, and plain right thrilling are the agenda's of what an awesome display of football we are seeing today.

It seems as though Australia has caught the 'WORLD CUP BUG', football is the main course at everyone's dinner table at the moment.

It's great to see the mainstream media getting into the thick of things by giving a great coverage on the game.

So many times has the game been neglected, but finally, it's getting its much-needed recognition.

Unfortunately it seems as though we 'die-hard' soccer followers must wait every 4 years for soccer to become a huge spectacle in this country.

How great would it be for the sport if the code received this recognition everyday of the week, or even better, what would the media have done had Australia qualified for the World Cup?

One thing for sure, the TV ratings have shot

through the roof as SBS re-wrote the history books by smashing the ratings record with a single match.

The eagerly anticipated game between England and Sweden was watched by a national audience of 1,726,000, making it the highest rating World Cup match ever shown on Australian television.

In an astonishing statistic, 5 mainland cities across Australia, an SBS audience for the match reached at almost 1.3 million viewers. That figure was 350,000 more than the audience for the '98 World Cup Final between France and Brazil.

SBS Head of Television, Peter Cavanagh was delighted about the recent ratings the World Cup has received.

"You have to remember that up until SBS stepped in a few weeks ago, none of these matches were going to be shown in free-to-air television in Australia. The huge audience numbers SBS is now attracting show what a massive blow that would have been to Australian football fans".

Football (soccer) has long been the sleeping giant of Australian sport, once awoken, other rival codes will be feeling the wrath of a sport being played by at least 300 plus countries across the globe.

Currently coaching in Nigeria, Urukalo's team has lost just two games of their last 11 matches and now is in line for a place in the huge African Champions League.

Urukalo was booked on

that recent fatal air flight that crashed in Nigeria killing all 150 passengers and crew.

Urukalo was to fly from the city of Jos to Lagos accompanied by his close friend the Nigerian Federal Minister for Sport Mr Mark Aku to watch the friendly international pre-World Cup warm-up match between Nigeria and Kenya.

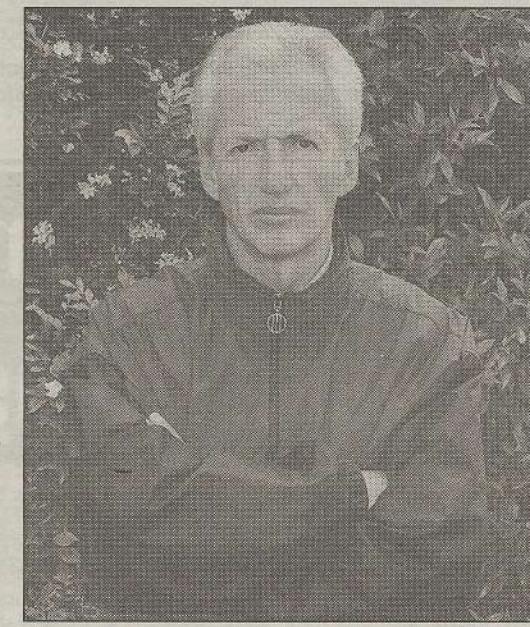
However, fate intervened for Urukalo as his team had a

match rescheduled and brought forward forcing Urukalo to pull out from making the flight just one hour before the doomed plane's takeoff.

Most unfortunately how-

ever Urukalo's friend and sports minister of Nigeria Aku elected to stick to his initial plan and boarded the plane that later crashed killing all on board.

Urukalo stated to ABSW: "Mr Aku's death is a great loss to Nigerian sport as well as a great loss as a friend to me."



Michael Urukalo: Escapes death in Nigeria.

Nigeria as a country is highly rich in terms of football despite the huge problems they have with the overall administration, calibre of officials etc.

"I'm completely astonished by the technical qualities and level of play in the domestic Pro League despite the harsh conditions the players have to endure."

Urukalo concluded to ABSW: "It's of little wonder that some of the biggest clubs in the World from Spain, France, Italy, Germany as well as England are all getting involved with football in both Nigeria and Cameroun at grassroot levels."

Urukalo is expected to return to Sydney at the end of this month and has not decided whether to return to Nigeria as he is contemplating another offer made to him from a South African club.

Last week Urukalo conducted a Coaching Seminar for all the Pro-Coaches in the State of Plateau at the requested of the N.F.A.

POWER YOUNGSTER IN HEAVY DEMAND

By Mark Stavroulakis

Sporting one of the best talents in the National League in Australia, Parramatta Power have been bombarded with overseas contracts for one promising star.

Former U17 Joey Brett Holman is the young 'Aussie' player that could well be the next Viduka or Kewell.

At the age of 18, 'Hollywood Holman' as he is known by his peers had a terrific end of season last year. Having grabbed a couple of goals for Power, Holman's ability to take on players with his energetic speed is what makes him a huge talent.

"I really enjoyed my season towards the end of the year as I got my chance and that helped me gain more experience. I was also happy to have scored 5 goals with the club."

Having recently returned from a 3-week trial with UEFA Cup Champions Feyenoord, Holman was happy to have had such an experience with an overseas side. "It was good to get some experience



Brett Holman:
Power's exciting
young star.

in an overseas country where football is the number one sport. During my stay I took part in two U19 tournaments and had the chance to play in Feyenoord's Stadium, which was brilliant. Overall the standard of football there is not bad at an U19's level, however I'd rather opt to play in the National League as we play against older and tougher players," said Holman.

With a year left on his contract at the Power, at this stage it seems as though the youngster is content in staying one more year at the club but hopes to play European football in the future.

Asked about whether Feyenoord was the place, Holman replied "Wouldn't say that that is the only place but it's a good start for an Australian to be at. English is a common language spoken there and it is also a good stepping stone towards other countries in Europe," ended the young star.

Apart from the Dutch club, a few other European sides have shown a keen interest in one of the best talents in Australia at the moment, however Brett is content in establishing his name in the National League first before moving anywhere else.

Coaching with a Winning Edge

By Ben Moring

The 'Winning Edge Football Academy' incorporates a new coaching philosophy for 10-13 year olds looking to take their learning to new levels.

Starting in September last year, the Academy is looking to attract young talent and mould those selected into great football players.

David Lee is the head coach and has a multitude of experience, being involved with the NSW Institute of Sport for over 10 years, including being Coaching Director. He also coached Australian stars Harry Kewell and Brett Emerton.

Lee is ably assisted by Geoff Stanmore, who coached the NSW Schools women's team for a number of years and also taught at Westfields Sports High.

Lee spoke of the upcoming clinic for young talent, who have the chance of securing a four-year scholarship with the Academy:

"We aim to produce great players, technically sound players, not just players that are programmed to win," he said.

Lee continued on those candidates that may be in

line for highly sought after scholarships:

"Players who are good athletes, have good attitude and have parental support are those we look for."

"I can't be specific with numbers of scholarships given away, we have to put a player through a profile."

"It could be as many as eight, but as little as zilch."

David Lee has had an influence on youth coaching and is proud of his achievements:

"I changed the method of coaching when I was Coaching Director for ten years, the whole philosophy changed."

"I tried to improve players, not just getting players to win."

"Overseas they believe that you learn the game for ten years and then play for ten years. In Australia you learn the game at five-years-old and play the game at five-years-old, so there is something that has to be done in coaching."

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David Lee, head coach of WEFA
with Socceroo Brett Emerton

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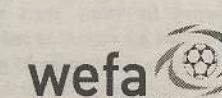
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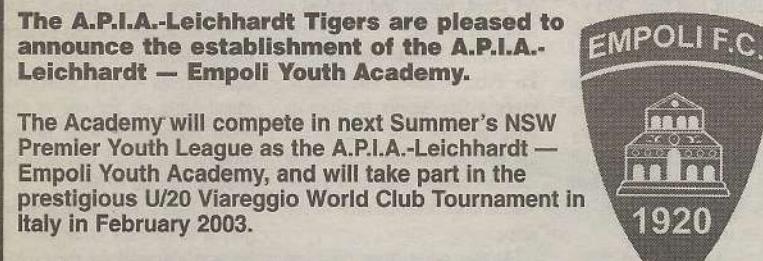
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Italian Serie B club Empoli (who will be promoted to Serie A next season, was the home of Australian Superstar Marco Bresciano), with Vince Grella still there.

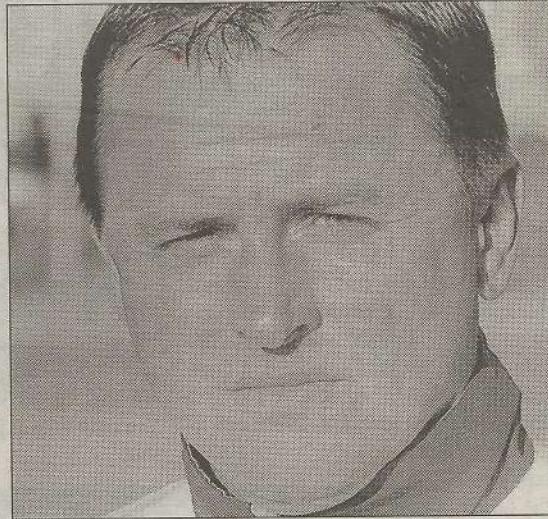
NSWIS SEMINAR TOO GOOD TO MISS

It is often said that we don't do enough in this country to develop our coaches and particularly those coaches who work with youngsters. Knowledge and experience should be shared to help all involved with the game do a better job.

Coaches of all levels who are keen to extend their knowledge have the chance to do so at a Coaching Seminar being organised jointly by the NSW Institute of Sport and the NSW Soccer Federation.

Special guest speaker is Les Scheinflug, National Technical Director and former National Youth Coach. Les always interests and inspires listeners with his accounts of international experience and his views on football.

Kelly Cross, Head Coach of Men's Soccer at the NSW Institute of Sport, will outline the key components of the NSWIS program, which has been influential in the development of many National Team players, as well as presenting his report from a recent study



Kelly Cross: Will outline key components of an NSWIS program to develop youngsters into potential Socceroos.

Jim Barnes- 1600 games and still going strong

By Daniel Kuziow

Some 32 years ago an ambitious and fresh individual donned the famous black and white colours of the referees guild to step out into his first game in charge of a Canterbury Juniors competition match.

In that time 1599 games have passed and over the weekend, Jim Barnes racked up his 1600th game behind the whistle in a under 21's clash between the Schofield Scorpions and Parramatta City.

"It's been a honour and a privilege to have been associated with this game," Barnes said who was enticed into this profession by his cousin. "I had been playing the game since I was six years old and after not being able to keep a spot in the first team decided to give refereeing a go."

In that time the whistle-blower has had a remarkable run of 32 seasons without a single injury and much of this he believes is due to the work of

the Refereeing Association in providing its chargers with the necessary fitness regimes and a number of great trainers over the years.

He speaks fondly of many memories; in particular the 1984 Youth League Grand Final between Newcastle and St George at St George Stadium. The game finished 2-1 to Newcastle but as Barnes recalls David Batter had a chance to equalise for St George with only 30 seconds to go.

When speaking on the current crop of referees coming through, Barnes admits that the changes within the game have contributed to refereeing standards becoming higher than when he first started out. "The changes to the game have been good and have helped the referees immensely. Thing's like being able to take a goal kick from either side and the removal of the four step rule for goalkeepers have quickened up the game and referees now don't have to worry about such things."

Barnes has met these changes as the ultimate professional and his knowl-

edge of the game has been quick to dispel many potential adverse situations. "Sometimes you just have to let the game flow, then have a quiet chat to any players if necessary... There is a mutual respect between referee and player."

Any good referee also has a many number of proficient assistants. In his career Barnes has had the likes of Geoff Leverton, Doug Rennie, Keith Lockrey, Alan Townsend and many other renowned refs ably giving a hand to the man out on the pitch and over the years a great camaraderie has enveloped them all; "I would just like to thank these guys and all who have helped me...it would not have been done without great assistance".

One suspects however that while many have contributed in helping Jim Barnes notch up game number 1600, the passion and love that he feels for this great game is intrinsic and remains as strong now as when he first started out all those years ago.

visit to Europe.

Cross took the current NSWIS squad to Holland, Germany and Belgium for eight matches against top clubs, then visited Clairefontaine, the French National Training Centre, and Arsenal Football Club. Those attending the seminar will receive a copy of the Tour Report and will also see video of the training and facilities at Clairefontaine and Arsenal.

Tim Rogers, Strength and Conditioning Coach at NSWIS will show coaches how they

can give players strength training on the field, instead of at the gym. His presentation is based on the book he co-wrote with Richard Beesley, and includes some innovative partner exercises that work the players just as hard as the gym equipment!

Many coaches are unsure how to incorporate fitness training into their program, and some still use methods that are outdated or even dangerous. Sports Science expertise is not always available to club coaches, so Ted Polglaze's presentation will be of great interest. Ted is Senior Sports Physiologist at NSWIS, and is heavily involved in planning the full-time program for the NSWIS soccer boys. "There are many different components to fitness, and they all need to be developed in different ways and at different times. I hope to help the coaches plan their season for the best performance of their athletes." Polglaze told ABSW.

For details of the seminar go to soccer-nsw.com.au or call the Elite Coaching

Department of the NSW Soccer Federation on 02-9629-1800.



Les Scheinflug: Special guest speaker.

MACOR THE MAGICIAN

By Graham Cooke

Danny Macor will end his winter season early in order to concentrate on preparations for the NSW Premier League, he said this week.

Speaking shortly after becoming the first player to resign for the Belconnen Blue Devils in the competition, he said he did not want to risk burnout by playing year-round.

"I want some time away from football so I can come back fresh for the Blue Devils," he said. "I haven't sorted it out with my ACT Premiership club, Monaro, as yet, but I expect to stop playing soon."

Macor scored 17 goals for Belconnen last summer and was voted NSW Player of the Year. He said he had enjoyed returning to this level of football after a

break of several years.

"I played for Deakin in the NSW Super League at the beginning of the 1990s and then spent several years concentrating on futsal," the 28-year-old striker said.

"People ask me whether I have any regrets about not seek-



Danny Macor will sit out the rest of the winter season to prepare for the NSW Premier League.

ing to play at a higher level, but I went to a world cup with futsal and there are not many people who can say that."

The club also announced that coach Lino Fiorese will be in charge of the team again. He said he was aiming to maintain the improvement Belconnen had shown in its two seasons so far.

"I'm expecting the squad to be much the same as last time with the addition of a couple of new faces," he said. "The big advantage we have in this regard is our isolation. It simply isn't worth players going to Sydney even if those clubs are offering a little more money."

Macor said there was enough talent coming through the junior ranks to keep the Blue Devils supplied for many years to come. "We are improving and I think we have the ability to go all the way to the grand final this time," he said.

ILLAWARRA VICTORIOUS IN CHALLENGE CUP

By Graham Cooke

After cruising at 3-0 in the 69th minute, Illawarra was left scrambling for a 3-2 win in the closing stages of the revived Challenge Cup series with Canberra Rockets at Hawker Oval on Saturday.

It was a win the South Coast side just about deserved, if only for their dominance through the first half and in the first part of the second, and the resolute way they defended as the Rockets threw everything forward in search of an equaliser.

Rockets coach Ian Heywood was left to complain of his team's performance as "too little too late", while his opposite number, Adrian Alston, praised a squad that had been together for "an hour-and-a-half" for taking the cup.

"I picked players from every club in the Illawarra competition rather than the best team, and we have had hardly any preparation," he said.

The Rockets were stunned in the second minute when referee Chris Blain awarded a penalty for a clumsy challenge on Michael Clare, and Chad Bishop's spot kick went in off the legs of Brett Dickens.

The visitors should have added to their score before half time. Bishop had a shot deflected and heading goalwards, but Dickens, already on the ground, somehow clawed the ball down.

Then an effort from former Canberra Cosmos player Harry James beat the goalkeeper only to be kicked off the line by Lee Pietrukowski.

The Rockets continued to live dangerously in the second half and Dickens had already saved with his legs from Alan Lo Proto

before Victor Costible took a cross from Matthew Bailey on his chest, turned and cracked a shot into the net.

Within a minute they led 3-0.

Lo Proto crossed and James, given a free header in front of goal, put the ball against the upright, but Costible was on the spot to convert what would otherwise have been the miss of the game.

At that point Illawarra were good value for their lead, but in a blistering last quarter the Rockets almost sent the game into golden goal extra time. First a cross from Andy Rakic was headed out by a defender, but only to substitute Carl Pideski, who showed why he is one of the most exciting young prospects in the ACT Premiership by curling the ball back into the top corner of the net.

With 15 minutes to go

Zvonka Usljebroka set up

Matthew Valeri to make it 3-2.

It was grim defence for Illawarra as the Rockets pushed players forward in search of the equaliser, but Alston's makeshift squad hung on for one of the more memorable wins that stretches back into the 1970s.

The match was the first to be played at Hawker Oval since it became a ground for the exclusive use of soccer, Soccer - Canberra signing a 10-year lease with a further 10-year option with the ACT Government during the week.

In the curtain-raiser, the Rockets won the youth game between the two teams 4-2. Canberra scorers were Ian Waldron, Steve Rezzo, Daniel Caputo and Steve Hayes. Dominic McGill and Matthew Parker replied for Illawarra.

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World Cup News



CHEAT RIVALDO PLEDGES TO CLEAN UP HIS ACT

Brazilian star Rivaldo, branded a cheat by FIFA, pledged to behave after threats of sanctions by football's world governing body.

"We need to remember that this incident was at the end of the match when one is not thinking so much about what they are doing," he said.

"It's in the past now but I will try not to do that again. It's true that the ball didn't hit me in the face but I was not the aggressor."

"Nobody talks about the Turkish player anymore because it's easier to make a big fuss using my name."

The Barcelona star has been warned about his future behaviour by FIFA's disciplinary committee. He was fined 11,500 Swiss francs (7,350 dollars) for faking an injury after Turkish defender Hakan Unsal kicked the ball at him.



Rivaldo: Brazilian ace branded a 'Cheat' by FIFA.

It hit him on the leg but the Brazilian covered his face with his hands and fell to ground as if he had been seriously injured.

Unsal was given a red card.

"It is regrettable that a world class player such as Rivaldo has to resort to this type of subterfuge," complained Marcel Mathier, chairman of the disciplinary committee.

"The referee had not been able to see the incident as clearly as the FIFA disciplinary committee, who on the grounds of the television images provided, could determine Rivaldo had pretended to have been hit in the face," he said.

"Such behaviour means that everybody is cheated: not only the opponents and the referee but also the football fans."

"If Rivaldo continues to behave in this manner, he may be sanctioned strongly by the FIFA disciplinary committee," he added.

Rivaldo still to this day had no regrets about the incident.

ZAHOVIC KICKED OUT OF SLOVENIAN SQUAD AFTER ROW WITH COACH

Slovenia has kicked their leading player Zlatko Zahovic out of their World Cup squad following his bust-up with coach Srecko Katanec, Slovenian officials confirmed to AFP.

The Benfica star came to blows with Katanec after the coach withdrew the top midfielder during a 3-1 defeat to Spain in their World Cup debut.

Katanec announced afterwards he would resign after the tournament but Slovenian Football Federation (FAS) president Rudy Zavru tried to smooth over the affair while Zahovic apologised and withdrew his criticism of his coach. However, team officials announced that 31-year-old Zahovic had been expelled from the squad.

"I can confirm that Zahovic is being sent home. We have no further comment to make at this stage," said Slovenian team spokesman Rok Sinkovc.

Another team official said: "He's a very good player but the problem is everyone knows this and he can't keep quiet. It's a shame, but he had to go."

The case is similar to the spat in Ireland's training camp between coach Mick McCarthy and Roy Keane which led to the Manchester United midfielder being sent home before the fixtures even began.

Team captain Ales Ceh later read out a statement, signed by the remaining 22 members of the squad, outside the team hotel on Jeju island. It said that the squad disapproved of Zahovic's insults to Katanec.

"The players do not approve and we condemn them (insults)," the statement said.

However the statement said the decision to

send Zahovic home was not backed by the players.

"It was for 'sporting interests' and it had been made wholly by Slovenian football officials," the players' statement said.

Zahovic, looking agitated, spoke briefly to reporters afterwards and said he appreciated his teammates' support.

"I am sorry that our football federation is organised in such a way that one person (Katanec) can hold a press conference and then another one (himself) is not allowed to," said Zahovic.

He added: "I appreciate the support (of the players) and I think it is for the best for the team that I go home." A statement released on the Slovenian federation's website said Zahovic "rudely insulted the head coach."

"Before leaving Gwangju, he behaved rudely towards the FAS president... He continued with improper behaviour after returning to the hotel."

He failed to respect an agreement that the incident was concluded and that it was not to be commented on in public any more, the statement added.

And the FAS said that having initially decided to keep Zahovic in the squad "for the good of the team" his behaviour had to be sanctioned in the strongest possible way.

"By stating the all players are on his side he has abused their trust, since the statement is not correct. He repeated the incorrect statements in a public statement after the practice on June 5, where he represented himself as a victim - although he is the only one to blame for the current situation," the federation FAS stated.

"He described the incident incorrectly, insulted the head coach and abused the trust of the



Zlatko Zahovic: Slovenian star has been sent home after a bust-up with coach Srecko Katanec.

head coach Katanec.

"The head coach has the full support of the leadership of the FAS delegation, coaching staff and the players, and the decision has been made with an aim of calming the atmosphere in the squad and putting all (our) energy to the following World Cup matches," the FAS statement concluded.

Zahovic had shown remorse for his outburst.

"I am very sorry for the things I said in the dressing room after the game. I am absolutely aware that they were strong words. I apologize to everybody and to the World Cup association and to Katanec."

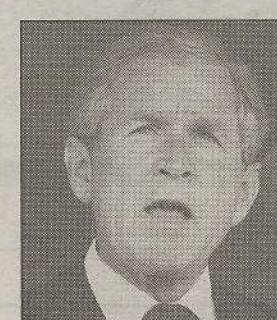
"I felt that at the time it was the only appropriate reaction for me."

but that he "noted" the win.

"I assure you he has noted their victory, and has already remarked on it," said Fleischer. "The president talked about how good the United States is at sports."

But if there was a nod of appreciation from the country's most powerful individual, there was scant recognition elsewhere, the Portugal game falling into an overnight black hole in soccer-proof United States.

Leading sports channel ESPN made no special effort at coverage relegating "the greatest victory in US sporting history" to



George Bush: American President has praised the efforts of the USA side's stunning win over Portugal.

the nether ends of its Sports Center programme.

In a particularly charged sports schedule, priority was given to the first match in the NBA basketball finals, Carolina's upset of Detroit in ice hockey's Stanley Cup playoffs, this weekend's heavyweight showdown between Lennox Lewis and Mike Tyson and endless rounds of baseball.

The US side came in to the finals as 300/1 outsiders, but now have every chance of reaching the last 16 with games against hosts South Korea and unfancied Poland to come.

WC-2002 is rather boring, says Stoitchkov

Former Barcelona Bulgarian player Hristo Stoitchkov considers the World Cup 2002 to be the most boring an uninteresting one during the last 12 years, Russian Information Agency Novosty reported.

"WC-2002 has nothing in common with the championships held in Italy (1990), USA (1994) and France (1998)," stated Stoitchkov.

According to the former player, the biggest difference between this tournament and the previous ones, is that nowadays players are more focused on how not to fail, rather than how to win.



Hristo Stoitchkov: Bulgarian Star has labelled the 2002 World Cup as 'boring'.

"Almost all the matches are rather boring. I am not impressed by any of the national teams so far. The professional level of the players is taking a turn for

the worse year by year, and the stadiums practically stay empty," he added.

Stoitchkov explained the present situation by the complicated championships the players had earlier faced in their countries. Even more, there are still a number of injured players - national team leaders, who are currently out of action.

The Bulgarian recalled Zinedine Zidane, who had a brilliant performance in the Spanish Championship this season, and said the French star would obviously secure his side's win in the WC-2002 opening match against Senegal if he were on pitch.

Zidane will play against Denmark: Candela

Zinedine Zidane will be fit enough to play for France in Tuesday's crunch Group A tie against Denmark, French defender Vincent Candela promised last Friday.

"It's up to him to see with the medical staff, but I think Zidane will be on the pitch," said the AS Roma player after his side's 0-0 draw against Uruguay.

"But that's all part of the job. We showed against Uruguay that physically we were a little better than against Senegal. Overall it was a good game."

That result, on top of the 1-0 loss to Senegal, leaves the world champions with a mountain to climb to get



Vincent Candela: French star has hinted that Zidane will play against Denmark.

IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE, SAYS KEANE

United striker Robbie Keane said his World Cup goal is a 'dream come true' for him, Leeds official site stated.

Keane injury time goal secured a 1-1 draw for his side with Germany and at the same time, it capped his childhood ambition - playing and scoring in the World Cup.

He said: "I've done that now and nobody can take that away from me."

"It's a dream come true."

Keane also recalled 1990 World Cup, when David O'Leary's penalty sent Ireland past Romania and into the quarter finals, and Steve Staunton's words on his own WC-2002 goal.

"Steve said to me 'Do

you remember 1990, when you were a kid growing up on the streets of Dublin watching O'Leary scoring that goal and celebrating in the streets - that's what people are doing now!'

"When he said that, it hit me a little bit, but it's brilliant."

"I believe that we can go far, but we can't get carried away with ourselves, just take each game as it comes."

"We've got a job to do against Saudi Arabia and when we win that we can start thinking how far we can go."

Meanwhile, Martin Loughran who was Keane's coach for five years as a junior in Dublin, also commented on his World Cup success.

"He came down here

when he was 11 and all he wanted to was play football and score goals."

"I think the last season he played he scored 60 goals, which is a record in Dublin schoolboy football."

"One thing he always wanted to do was play in the World Cup, and he has done it - and scored at the same time!"



Robbie Keane: The Irish star on cloud nine after scoring the equalizing goal in Ireland's match with Germany.

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YOUNG AND OLD MIX AT AIS CAMP

The AIS Women's Soccer Program is conducting a training camp at the AIS in Canberra, 10-22 June 2002.

Of the athletes in attendance, eight are current AIS Scholarship holders (Davies,

Garrison, Hohnke, Karp, Nichols, Tann, Thomson, Wainwright).

Some players originally invited to the camp are unavailable due to injury or work commitments, and with six other AIS athletes currently playing overseas, the

door has opened for several others, mostly Young Matildas, to take in twelve days' training alongside some of their senior counterparts.

A goalkeepers camp will also be included over the period 10-16 June, to be

attended by -

Included in the 13-day schedule are four training games against men's U19 teams.

Those players who will be attending the camp are -

Athlete	Hometown	Program / WNSL
Rhian DAVIES	Sydney	ACTAS
Heather GARRICK	Sydney	QAS
Olivia HOHNKE	Toowoomba	QAS
Tal KARP	Perth	ACTAS
Claire NICHOLS	Brisbane	QAS
Anissa TANN	Sydney	NSWIS
Gill THOMSON	Sydney	ACTAS
Sacha WAINWRIGHT	Canberra	ACTAS
Hayley CRAWFORD	Newcastle	NSWIS - NNSW
Lisa DE VANNA	Perth	SASI
Rose DUNNE	Coffs Harbour	NSWIS - NNSW
Katie GILL	Newcastle	NSWIS - NNSW
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VICTORIAN PREMIER LEAGUE



Victorian Squad

Dean Fak
Chris Emsovski
Tom Karapatsos
Cameron Pino
Sam Poutakidis
Tony Sterjovski
Henry Velkovski
(C)
Peter Psarros
Nick Tsaltas
Eric Vassiliadis
Dragi Nastevski
Danny Gnjidic

Sunday, 16 June
Bentleigh Greens SC vs. Fawkner Blues SC
Preston Lions SC vs. Bulleen Zebras SC
Altona East Phoenix SC vs. Green Gully Cavaliers SC
St Albans Saints SC vs. Altona Magic SC
Fitzroy City SC vs. Port Melbourne Sharks SC
Heidelberg United SC vs. Whittlesea Stallions SC

Touring Team Announced

Due to the Victoria - NSW State team clash being played this week, all Victorian Premier League matches will resume as normal on Sunday 16th June.



VICTORIAN SQUAD

Victorian Senior State team coach Harry Chalkitis took a squad of 16 players to Sydney to face the NSW at Melita this week. The team was:
Bojo Jevdjevic (GK)
Steven Tilovski (GK)
Ross Antoniadis
Stelios Drakos

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
1. Fawkner Blues SC	15	8	5	2	25	14	29
2. Bentleigh Greens SC	15	7	7	1	24	12	28
3. Green Gully Cavaliers SC	15	7	4	4	17	9	25
4. Port Melbourne Sharks SC	15	7	4	4	33	26	25
5. Altona East Phoenix SC	15	6	6	3	17	12	24
6. Altona Magic SC	15	5	5	5	25	19	20
7. Whittlesea Stallions SC	15	4	8	3	21	23	20
8. Preston Lions SC	15	5	3	7	19	21	18
9. St Albans Saints SC	15	4	4	7	10	22	16
10. Heidelberg United SC	15	3	5	7	24	38	14
11. Fitzroy City SC	15	3	3	9	10	23	12
12. Bulleen Zebras SC	15	2	4	9	20	26	10

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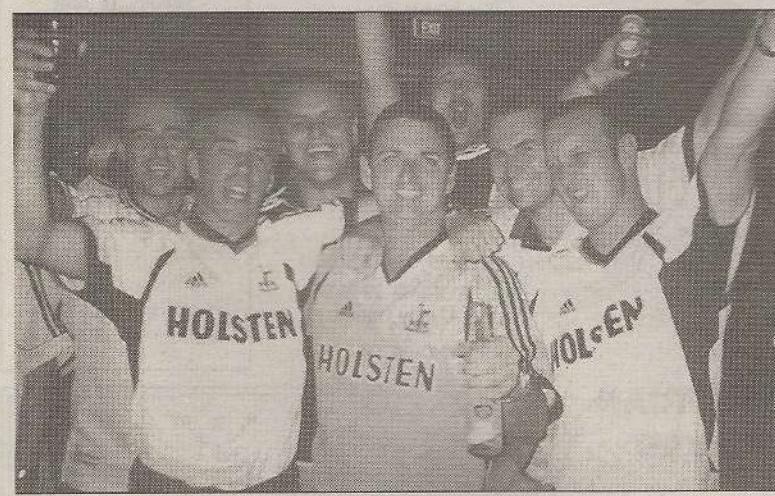
THEATRE OF DREAMS ELECTRIFIES SYDNEY

By Ben Moring

Sydney's 'Theatre Of Dreams' is the ONLY PLACE you should be watching the World Cup matches from Japan and Sth Korea.

The venue is truly unique. A converted cinema complex, complete with big screen, which makes the players larger-than-life. Not only this obvious attraction, but also complete with merchandise, bars and other attractions.

Tickets for all the England matches were sold out on the day they went on sale and those die-hard English supporters it was easy to see why.



Justin Long (front centre) is responsible for running the Tottenham Hotspur Supporters Club 'Ozspurs'.

THEATRE
OF DREAMS

SPORTS BAR

The first match that English supporters gathered for was the match against Sweden. Without exaggeration, it really was like being on English soil, singing for 90 minutes with ease.

The anticipation was huge, at least a thousand supporters, almost all English were painted up and wearing the appropriate attire. The atmosphere was absolutely electric.

The match kicked-off and the venue was a buzz, with colour excitement and songs.

Midway through the first half, the moment arrived for the parochial crowd. England a goal to the good through big Sol Campbell and didn't the place rock.

Absolutely moving stuff, quite possibly the largest roar that ever filled an individual sports bar in Australian history.

The crowd hit fever pitch and honestly, there was no other place in Australia that

Tottenham Hotspur in the English Premier League. A man of passion and drive, he is one of the people responsible for the whole production and is ever-present at the venue.

Next season, Tottenham Hotspur fans may be able to use the facilities at this venue. 'Ozspurs' is the second largest supporters club in Australia and attracts large numbers to watch Spurs matches and has a monthly meeting.

Justin Long is the man who runs the supporters club, a regular at the 'Theatre Of Dreams' bar. Justin commented upon some of the memorable moments from the recent English Premier League season.

"We have 582 members throughout Australia and New Zealand," he said.

"We started in 1995 and will have official status as of the beginning of next season (2002/03).

"The Ozspurs meet on the last Saturday of every month and some of the more memorable moments include the Worthington Cup Semi against Chelsea where we won 5-1 and also the cup runs in general."

"The Worthington Cup Final was special in that we had nearly 1000 people in all states watching at our venues."

Ian Crook, Newcastle's coach in the NSL, is a famous ex-Spurs player that often checks on the supporters club.

Such is the success of the club, that some members who went home to England still keep in contact with Ozspurs through the Ozspurs website.

The website is www.ozspurs.com and is run by young Tom Silver, fourteen years-old and has already found fame with Fox Sports interviewing the ardent Spurs fan.



Fans enjoy the electric atmosphere of large gatherings.

could possibly have equalled the intensity of feeling inside that room.

Security is well looked after, with many guards and a metal detector upon entry. The whole concept was meticulously planned and for the recent match against old foe Argentina, Pitt Street was closed by police, who are kept informed about proceedings.

Of the Argentina match, the atmosphere was even more unbelievable than for the first England game. Especially with the events of four years ago in St. Etienne, Argentina winning controversially on penalties.

England's 1-0 victory was well received and again the 'Theatre Of Dreams' was the ONLY PLACE to be for sheer exhilaration. England beating their nemesis for the first time since 1966.

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Ozspurs celebrating Worthington Cup Final against Blackburn Rovers.

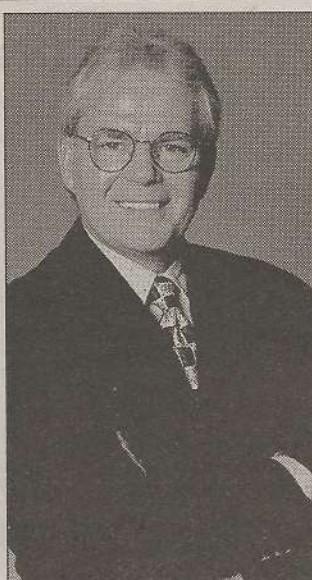
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Youth coach Dusan Purac, featured recently in ABSW has offered three of his coaching videos to lucky readers.

Dusan Purac has coached some great players, including Croatian great Zvonimir Boban. His videos will also be featured by Channel 10's 'Totally Wild' program.

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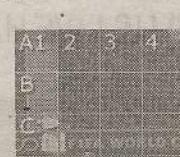
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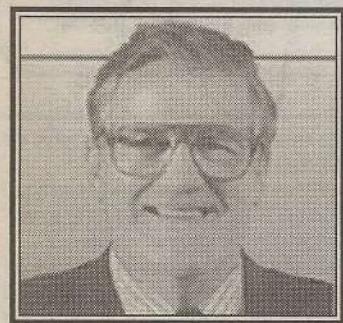


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OFF THE CROSSBAR



By Allan Crisp

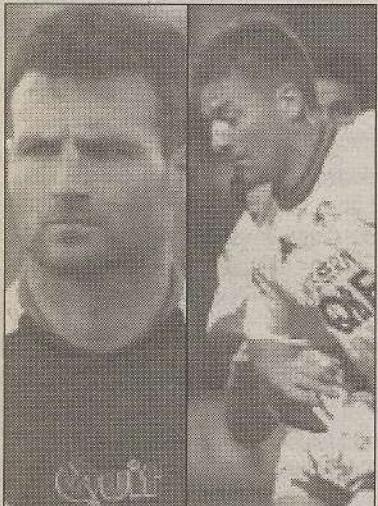
GLORY BOYS RETURN TO ADELAIDE

The Adelaide rumour mill spun violently last week when Perth Glory heroes Jason Petkovic and Damian Mori were seen in and around the popular coffee shops of their old home town.

Also adding to the intrigue was the presence in the South Australian capital of former South Melbourne goalkeeper Michael Petkovic, who has joined Turkish club Trabzonspor.

That, and the fact that Marconi ace Angelo Costanzo also was in Adelaide, added fuel to the gossip that Jason Petkovic, Mori and Costanzo could be returning to play for the Force.

Spark enough hearsay and some of it just might eventuate. For instance, another former City player, Dino Mennillo said on Adelaide radio that he is keen to rejoin his old club.



Jason Petkovic:
Glory custodian
seen in
Adelaide, maybe
a Force offer
beckons?

Damian Mori:
Sharpshooter
could don the
jersey of the
Adelaide Force
next year.

By Otto Bader

Wolves Keeper Gone - A new custodian must be found. The word around town is that the Wolves Player of the year Dean Anastasiadis could be returning to his home in Melbourne to join South Melbourne.

While he leaves big shoes to fill, there are several goalkeepers at present playing in the Premier League, waiting for a chance to play in the NSL. Now is the time for the Wolves coaching staff to cast an expert eye over keepers suitable to step in, no big money has

to be spent to sign a keeper from outside Illawarra. Unable to name all locals, some spring to mind like the lads guarding the goal for Kembla, Port Kembla, Lysaght, Coniston, Cringila, Olympic and more keepers around the competition.

Joe Cachia: Former Wollongong Wolves chairman.

But, the unverified chatter that Mori and Jason Petkovic were distinct chances to relieve their championship years with Adelaide City was just that unverified chatter.

As it happened, the Petkovic brothers and Mori were here for Jason's wedding to his Adelaide-born sweetheart, Tanya, at Saint Patricks Church, Grote Street.

Fittingly, Michael was best man for his elder brother, while hot shot goalscorer Mori was the groomsman for the soccer wedding of the year.

As for the rumours that Jason Petkovic and Mori could rejoin the Force Petkovic has signed a new four-year contract with Perth, while Mori has a season of his current contract to serve.

The cold facts are that Adelaide City has spoken with Mori and the out-of-contract Costanzo, but that neither is likely to return.

"I wouldn't mind coming back to Adelaide City, but it's more than likely that I'll be staying with Marconi," Costanzo said.

Meanwhile, Adelaide City coach Charley Villani spent last weekend in Victoria surveying prospective recruits in action.

For obvious reasons, Villani preferred not to disclose the names of the players who impressed him, but said, "I'll invite a couple of players from Melbourne to join us for pre-season training in July."

Villani, relishing his new job, also intends to trial some of SA's Premier and State League players when the Force resumes training.

"Yes, I'll ask a few local lads to join us, and we have a 20-year old striker from New Zealand, who is interested in joining us."

HOLIDAY BLISS

The Aloisi brothers, Ross and John, have thrilled thousands of soccer fans throughout the world with their silky skills.

Right now the sporting journeymen, their wives and infant children, are back where it all started, enjoying holiday bliss with their families in Adelaide. Ross was able to reintroduce his one-year old son, Christian to his parents and in-laws, while John and his wife gave the doting grandparents their first glimpse of their two and a half months old daughter Alisia.

Of the Socceroo brothers, John is the most widely travelled having plied his trade with Standard Liege, Royal Antwerp (Belgium), Cremonese (Italy), Portsmouth, Coventry City (England) and Osasuna (Spain). John, 26, had a satisfying first season with Osasuna, topping the club goalscoring chart with 10 goals, five more than his team mate Ivan Rosado.

"It took me a while to settle in Spain because of the language difficulties, but I enjoyed the new way of life and a new style of football," John said.

His most memorable matches were against Spanish giants Real Madrid and Barcelona and the derby game with Athletic Bilbao. The fact that he scored in all three of those stirring contests, no doubt contributed to his fulfilment.

Osasuna lost the match with Real 1-2, but defeated Barcelona 1-0, while the victory over Bilbao saved Aloisi's team from relegation.

Ace midfielder, Ross is currently playing with

Italian third division club Alzano with which he has a year of his contract to run.

One of the few players to have donned both Adelaide City and West Adelaide colours, Ross began his professional career in Switzerland before moving to Austria.



Ross Aloisi:
Currently playing with Italian Serie C side Alzano.

John Aloisi:
Osasuna striker happy to be back home with his family.

PROBLEMS

Former Panahaike striker Greg Hagias is in dispute with Adelaide Galaxy over his request for a transfer to Adelaide City.

Hagias took his complaint to the SASF All Appeals Committee last Thursday, but the case was adjourned for a further week.

Formerly with West Adelaide and Port Lion, Hagias, 24, claims he has not been paid for seven weeks. Despite being out of action for almost two months, Hagias still tops the Galaxy goalscoring list with nine goals.

Meanwhile, there were shades of the Con Boutsianis controversy in Adelaide this week when Galaxy released former Eastern Pride defender Jothan Bahagiar to Adelaide City. Galaxy claimed it had stipulated in the contract that Bahagiar was not to play for City against it last Saturday, but he was fielded in the side.

SASF competitions manager Rodger King said yesterday he had received no notification concerning the matter from either club.

RAMPANT RAIDERS

Adelaide Raiders completed the West End Federation Cup semi-final jigsaw puzzle by downing giant killers Enfield Falcons 4-1 in a knock-out quarter-final at Hindmarsh Stadium last Wednesday night.

Raiders, currently riding high in the Premier League, retained the status quo over the State League title contenders as former Adelaide City NSL midfielder Joe Barbaro rammed home a brace, while Justin Bralic and Sean Widera added to the dominance.

Young Bralic sauntered into the penalty area to give Raiders the lead after eight minutes before

Joe Barbaro netted his first at the 15-minute mark.

Widera converted a penalty five minutes later after Sam Barbaro raced into the box and was upended by Falcons goalkeeper Maurice Hewson.

Referee Matthew Cream red carded Hewson for his indiscretion, leaving Enfield coach Robbie De Troia little option but to sacrifice a field player to introduce reserve keeper Andrew Caminiti, whose first duty was to pluck the ball out of the net after Widera scored from the spot.

Joe Barbaro, whose understanding with Widera and his younger brother Sam, bordered on the telepathic, drilled in his second goal in the 71st minute.

Enfield snapped back nine minutes from full time as Peter Rossi rose high above a pack of defenders to head in a free kick from the right from Mark Mulady.

Earlier, Enfield's loan player from Playford Patriots, Sam Farmcombe, was denied a goal by Raiders goalkeeper, Mate Maric, who produced a brilliant one-handed save.

Enfield lost much of its attacking edge when Farmcombe was forced off the field through injury and was replaced by Joe Costa.

Big Maric proved his skills again in the 75th minute with a superb stop to deny Enfield's ace goalscorer, Mulady, whose final attempt in time added for stoppages, rattled the near post.

Raiders now join cup holders Playford Patriots, Adelaide Galaxy and sole remaining State League side Croydon Kings in the semi-finals, which have been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 3, to avoid a clash with that other trophy competitions semi-finals the World Cup.

West End Federation Cup quarter-final Raiders 4 (Bralic 8, J. Barbaro 15, 71, Widera 15 penalty) Enfield Falcons 1 (Rossi 81). Best Raiders: J. Barbaro, Widera, Morrison, Daniel Menechella; Enfield: Veet, Pavanello, Rossi, James Costa.

CHALLENGE

The Fasta Pasta Challenge interstate clash between SA and Queensland was played at Hindmarsh Stadium yesterday (Monday, June 10).

Due to publication deadlines, the detailed match report will be featured in our next ABSW edition.

SO FERRARI SO GOOD

South Australian Soccer Federation competitions administrator, Ryan Peremiczko is normally a placid young man.

But, his shackles have been raised by the treatment dished out to Ruebens Barichello by the Ferrari team. The greatly disturbed Ryan says, "On the 12th of May 2002, we witnessed the death of Fl. After leading the GP from start to almost the finish line, Ruebens Barichello was ordered to pull aside to allow Michael Schumacher pass and win.

"We cannot stay inactive in the face of such a scandalous act! Therefore, I wish to show my disgust at this outrage to all genuine sports by starting this campaign: I WILL NOT BUY A FERRARI!"

Being a man of his word, Ryan Peremiczko, we are sure will honour his promise and he urges everyone to join in the boycott.

ROUND 13 - PREMIER LEAGUE

Adelaide Galaxy 1 (Goutzioulis, penalty) Blue Eagles 3 (Brooks, Arnone, Pahras). Best Galaxy: Westervelt, Pezos, Yates; Blue Eagles: Brooks, Sergi, Zito.

Para Hills Knights 3 (Jones, Kelly, Breton) Adelaide City 1 (Sareceno). Best Para Hills: Breton, Jones, Christakos; Adelaide City: Sareceno, Saric, Budin.

Playford Patriots 2 (Robertson, Radford) MetroStars 2 (David Menechella, Day). Best Playford Patriots: Robertson, Radford, Kidd; MetroStars: Day, Menechella, Misailidis.

Campbelltown City 4 (Annicchiarico, Brain, Monterosso, Campbell) Pirates 0. Best Campbelltown: Udagawa, Paray, Brain; Pirates: Unglaube, Kourialis, Caglioti.

Raiders 0 Olympic FC 1 (S. Parisos). Best Raiders: Morrison, Fusco, Daniel Menechella; Olympic: Tosh, Tsouli, S. Parisos.

White City Woodville 1 (Armour) Modbury Jets 2 (Stewart, McDonald). Best White City: Beltrame, Leane, Bell; Modbury Jets: Crowe, Stewart, McDonald.

STATE LEAGUE

Hills Hawks 1 (Ironside) Salisbury Berries 0. Best Hills Hawks: Montgomery, Rodriguez, Stewart; Salisbury: Powell, Ward, Blackwood.

Panthers 0 Port Pirie City 1 (Dawson). Best Panthers: Fischer, Kwass, Travis; Port Pirie: Dawson, McGinnis, DeCecilis.

Western Strikers 5 (D. Paris 3, Zeika, Steila) Seaford Surfers 1 (Powell). Best Western Strikers: D. Paris, Agalidis, Zeika; Seaford: Burnik, Maguire, Kerr.

Noarlunga Bulldogs 2 (Foy, Forster) Enfield Falcons 4 (Mulady, Lukin, Costa, Rossi). Best Noarlunga: Foy, Forster, Longshaw; Enfield: Steele, Leet, Hilditch.

Northern Demons 3 (Salvenimi, Tattarelli, Ainsworth) Cumberland Foxes 3 (Schmitt, Fowler, Gagliardi). Best Northern Demons: Patterson, Faciando, Ainsworth; Cumberland: Denk, Schmitt, Thomas.

Cobras 1 (L. Skoumbros)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide Galaxy	13	10	1	2	31	8	31
Adelaide Blue Eagles	13	8	3	2	37	10	27
Metro Stars	13	7	6	0	23	10	27
Raiders	13	6	4	3	28	15	22
Playford Patriots	13	5	5	3	19	15	22
White City Warrior	13	4	4	5	19	16	16
Olympics FC	13	4	4	5	18	16	16
Modbury	13	3	4	5	23	24	16
Para Hills Knights	12	3	4	5	14	26	13
Campbelltown City	13	2	5	6	14	17	11
Adelaide City	12	2	2	8	21	34	8
Pirates	13	1	2	10	5	52	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croydon Kings	13	9	1	3	20	10	28
Enfield City	13	8	3	2	43	18	27
Cumberland United	13	7	3	3	25	11	24
Adelaide Hills	13	7	3	3	16	8	24
Noarlunga United	13	7	2	4	27	22	23
Port Pirie City	13	7	1	5	21	19	22
Northern Demons	13	6	2	5	29	28	20
Adelaide Cobras	13	4	4	5	15	21	16
Western Strikers	13	4	2	7	20	27	14
Salisbury United	13	3	3	7	18	26	12
Panthers	13	1	3	11	13	48	4
Seaford	13	1	1	11	13	48	4

WOLLONGONG NEWS

Skipper has left

George Souris has gone back to Sydney club Olympic, another regular of the Wolves lost. Perhaps coming towards the end of his career, not feeling confident of dealing with a new influx of youth into the Wollongong team, it is understandable for George to join an established club side.

Now more than ever the club's coaching staff needs to peruse the Wolves Youth Grade and suitable local talent to fill the gaps left due to departures.

Illawarra Coaches of the Month

Cringila's Coach Rade Stefanovski in Premier League and



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1 THE VOICE – COLIN TURNER



BEHIND THE MICROPHONE

I must say that I have surprised myself in this World Cup, by lasting the first 10 days or so. I also have to admit that I did not think it was going to be so hard commentating on every game.

My first shock was to realize the effort it was to call four games on the first Sunday. That was a marathon, now I know how Steve Monogatti and all the others who run the long distance feel.

I was completely exhausted.

It's the pain in the arms and legs that hit you first and then the sore throat that were the first thing, and then the second thought that strikes you is that after calling the four games, it took me a bit of time afterwards to

remember all the details of the games.

The tournament for me has been one of great excitement. Having spent a great deal of time in Korea in the last 16 months. The people are delightful, very gentle and kind and I was delighted for their football team who were outstanding in their opening game.

We have to congratulate the coach Guus Hiddink, for getting this side to play so well. They showed that they could run and run, but more importantly, they had a great amount of skill to add to the speed.

They also showed a great deal of inspirational thinking, once they tried one avenue to create a chance, they then showed that they could improvise, and try something different.

OK, they may not get to the final, but their commitment and passion for the game, their love of playing the ball and not the man, was refreshing.

I don't think that I would ever see the day when a Korean player would behave like some of those overpaid players who call them selves STARS.

I am talking here about Rivaldo. I was sick having to

describe to our listeners in the broadcast his behavior. What was worse for me was the performance of the Referee Kim Young Koo. It was bad enough to award a penalty to Brazil when it wasn't.

Television slow motion pictures show that the foul by Alpay was committed outside the penalty box, but to send Hakan Unsal off when he did not see what happened.

Go back and have a look at the incident, and see if Kim Young Koo was looking at Hakan Unsal kicking the ball in the direction of Rivaldo, in my opinion the referee did not see this he was too involved in getting lectures from the Brazilian players.

He never asked his assistant on what happened. He just reacted on Rivaldo lying on the ground holding his face.

For that behavior Rivaldo should have been sent off. He is a cheat, he admits that he is, and why should we continue to have him in our game.

Talking of cheats, a few years ago I was asked by an International Journal to write a story about my World Cup experiences.

I started reporting and broadcasting the World Cup in Argentina in 1978. I submitted my copy, and the Editor rang me back and said, "Colin, there is no mention of Diego Maradona in your writing of the World Cup sure-

ly he has to get a mention". I said to him you asked me to write about footballers, not cheats.

In my opinion Maradona is a cheat. He has admitted that he cheated in the World Cup in Mexico to score "The Hand of God goal".

I told the editor that in my opinion World Cup football was no place for people who cheat. That is why this may well be the last time you will ever see the name of Rivaldo in any of my writings.

He is a cheat according to himself. But what compounds the issue is that he says everybody cheats.

Mr. Rivaldo, I have news for you. No, everybody does not cheat, that is why I will never cheat my listeners again and say that you are a good player (notice, not great player).

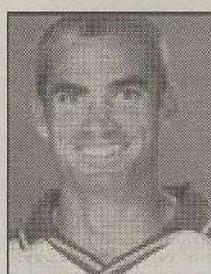
The greats of our sport Johan Cryuff, Bobby Charlton, Marco Van Basten,

Franz Beckenbauer, Alfredo De Stefano, Ferenc Puskas, "the little bird" Garrincha, the great Pele, and Michael Platini never cheated on the football field. As well, they never got paid the money they deserved. My football World has no place for cheats.

The Outstanding move of the tournament so far. The goal that gave Senegal a draw against Denmark.

Just to mention that you can hear every game of the World Cup live on Radio Two 1611am.

2 THE PLAYER – CRAIG FOSTER



Come on now, who picked England to beat Argentina, USA to beat Portugal, Croatia against Italy, and South Korea over Poland? Great isn't it, better signs than last week that these 32 teams are not so far apart after all, especially after an excellent second game for Saudi Arabia.

Add the uncertainty of results to the pressure riding on each game now where one of the teams faces the exit door, and it's no wonder we are seeing some great games of football.

The hosts have been the story of the last week, both securing their first ever win, both in some style I might add, with Japan's performance against Russia first class.

In fact the way Japan attacked from the start has been rare in truth, so far too many teams have tried to stifle the game, play defensively, and steal a point or points. That's OK if it works,

but thankfully by and large those teams are still being punished, such as Denmark against Senegal, why on earth would you want to sit back and encourage Fadiga, Diouf and Diao to come at you? Japan on the other hand, continued to attack and Nakata and Inamoto are early candidates for the team of the tournament.

At least one of those positions are taken up by Michael Owen, that's for certain, provided he continues to show the brilliance of last Friday night against Argentina. His control at speed and willingness to take on defenders was superb, and he was desperately unlucky not to score 2 goals and put the game beyond doubt.

I've heard the argument that England played well, but Argentina were off their game, Veron especially, so England didn't have to play that well to win. What a load of drivel!

The fact is England never allowed Argentina to settle, rarely was Veron allowed to even raise his head to see a switch or run from Batistuta. The closing down of Simeone and Veron in midfield was spot on, Batistuta was made to look pedestrian by Campbell and Ferdinand, and the job carried out on Ortega by my old teammate Ashley Cole was exemplary. A brilliant win and

another great result for the tournament.

That's the beauty of being unbiased, sure I'm a supporter of beautiful football so I love to see Brazil turn it on, but it's easy to appreciate the rigid solidity of Denmark, or the slick movement and dribbling of Japan, the intensity and willingness of the English, or the sheer audacity of the Americans to overturn the Portuguese, because they're not playing against your own team.

It's also easy to appreciate the upsets against the glamour sides because it opens up the possibility of football powers making a humiliating exit at the first round. It's wonderful theatre, cracking drama like the rows between Keane, Zahovic and the coaches, or the Danish team issuing a statement as one of their players' private life is exposed, on match day!

What about the scenes in Korea after their win, at what other time would the streets of Seoul be full of screaming citizens for hours on end, I ask you? It's an amazing game this football.

Players? Owen heads the cue, Nakata, Inamoto, Pablo Aimar was brilliant (how did he not come on earlier?), Diao, Olic and Rapaić, Izmailov, Donovan, Okocha caught the eye, Arce, Cafu, Denilson against Turkey, not China, Vieri's first game, Al Temyat second game.

Disappointments? Totti v Croatia, Veron v England, linesmen decisions worst in memory,

Nigeria's defensive performances against their strengths, Paraguay's inability to hold a lead, Portugal's inability to look like a team, Rui Costa, Ronaldinho not looked the package yet, del piero takes the cake for his 15 mins against Ecuador.

The ball? Thank heavens Roberto Carlos smacked his free kick in, even if the Chinese keeper did dive out of the way, the conjecture over the long range shooting was becoming crisis point. At any rate, Nakata's shot against Russia which almost broke the crossbar put that theory to rest.

Where do we go from here?

Difficult to say, talk before the tournament was of how in 16 world cups there has only been 7 winners, the major powers, and how that trend most probably would continue.

Now, it's difficult to be so sure, each of the powers had been beaten, or in Germany's case looked a little laboured, and many other teams have impressed above their station.

My guess is Italy at least will regain composure after the Croatia debacle, and Argentina will not play so poorly again, but the football world is aching and we can no longer sleep so soundly safe in the knowledge that things are in order, we could indeed see a truly new, world champion.

See you next week.

3 THE FRENCH CONNECTION – ALAIN BARATAUD



GO HARD OR GO HOME

France, Argentina, Portugal, Germany and Italy are in trouble. Five of the biggest soccer countries in the world going home after the first round of the 17th World Cup?

Can Mexico, Cameroon and the two Scandinavian countries, Sweden and Denmark, make history this week? A draw will be enough for these teams bar Cameroon (who needs a win against Germany) to create the biggest upset ever in the history of the World Cup. Both Argentina, France and Italy with their strong team will give everything for their final game.

After their surprising loss against Croatia, Italy will play their last game against Mexico and need a win to secure one of the two spots in Group G.

Italy is one of the more organized and focused performers in the world with their famous 'catenaccio' once they lead the game, but are not sure to be part of the second round if they don't change the way they play. Don't forget Croatia, who can secure as well a spot in the top two with a win against Ecuador.

In Group E, Germany is up against Cameroon for the final game in the first round and the loser is sent packing.

Group F sees Argentina in the same situation as Italy after losing against England, except one thing - Argentina always plays entertaining football and very offensive. They can beat Sweden anytime but the Swedish have proved in their two first games when they were down they returned twice to win and now sit on top of the group. England after a good win has nearly qual-

ified for the 2nd phase and the enthusiastic Nigerians are already eliminated. Can Nigeria upset England and send England home?

Group D has Portugal in the same situation as France after losing their first game against USA. Great start for the co-host of the World Cup, South Korea, who won against Poland.

France is still alive and Zidane is back. Zidane is ready after three weeks injury to lead his team to their first victory in this competition. France has come from hell. After the disastrous loss against Senegal, Uruguay was their next opponent and what a game for France who was unlucky again. A good game from France who dominated the play with ten men for one hour after Henri was sent off. With the heroic Barthez, they tried everything they could to score one goal but Carini, the Uruguayan keeper, was having a great day and had better plans to stop all French attempts at the net.

France was close to win the game but close to lose as well after Recoba passing the French defence missed a great opportunity. France survived and now have one chance more to finish the job and qualify for the second round. They need to score at least two more goals than

Denmark and with the return of King Zidane they are going to smash the Danish side.

For the second spot in this group, with what Senegal has shown us they should go through and take the first spot in Group A. We can expect Uruguay to give their best like France and win with two goals difference to move to the next round.

In other groups, a good beginning from South Africa, Japan and Belgium who also stands a chance to claim a spot in the next round.

This World Cup has been full of surprises. There is no small countries any more and Germany, France, Uruguay, Italy and Argentina, five of the seven past world champions, can be out before the second round with only England and Brazil to survive.

France and Argentina played the best football in the world, though at this stage, if Brazil has an easy draw, they look as the possible successor to France after ten days into the tournament, followed by the Spanish side who for once has begun their competition very well.

So for all these teams its go hard or go home.



ABSW CORRESPONDENTS FOR WORLD CUP 2002



4 THE LEGEND - RALE RASIC



SURPRISES FOR CONFUSED WORLD CUP COMMENTATORS

The World Cup is heating up!!! After two rounds

some leading countries of world football, such as the present World champions, France, Portugal, and Poland could be in danger of being sent home much earlier than predicted.

It is a very interesting commentary by the television commentator who said that the CONCACAF countries were the weakest and that the United States had an easy passage to qualify. Television commen-

tators should be reminded that all three CONCACAF countries – Mexico, Costa Rica and the United States – reached the quarter-finals of the World Cup under the most recognised coach in World Cup football – Bora Milutinovic.

The United States recorded one of the greatest upsets in World Cup football by beating England in the 1950 WC, 1-0, and in 1994 by beating the most fancied team, Colombia, 2-1.

By saying that this is the greatest success in American football, it is obvious that the result against Portugal was one of the great surprises of this tournament, but victory against England hit the headlines world-wide and was produced by a purely amateur USA national team.

Against Colombia they secured a quarter-final spot, only to lose to Brazil on its July 4th Independence Day match.

All three CONCACAF countries can still reach the

next stage of this World Cup.

Costa Rica recorded a victory against China; and Mexico recorded one of the finest victories against Croatia, the team that finished third in France 98.

In the match between Italy and Ecuador, a commentator referred to Christian Vieri as Viera on four different occasions, except when he used his first name in conjunction with his surname.

The above commentator must watch Arsenal too often!

But another commentator was saying the 'Australian-born Christian Vieri', (Christian was 4 and a half years old when he arrived in Australia.) If he followed Serie A, I'm sure he would find this information on a daily basis.

As late as 1993, our Australian National coach, Eddie Thompson, was heavily criticised for introducing the one striker formation in the World Cup eliminations against Argentina.

Nine years later, England's Sven-Goran Eriksson, in the last thirty minutes of the game against Argentina did not have even one striker and was applauded for his tactics which won them the game.

The same media created headlines in every Australian paper – front, back, middle, everywhere – for one of the greatest victories ever.

Could someone compare the great dive by Owen with the Hand of God of Maradona?

We certainly like to criticise our own Eddie, but not Sven!

China will not reach the next stage of the World Cup.

They were overawed and lacked experience in the opening match against Costa Rica. Its second appearance against 4 times World champion, Brazil, was an excellent sign that the direction it was taking will assure that in the distant future China – likewise Korea and Japan – will achieve respect on the world stage. This is Korea's fifth recent appearance in the World Cup, having been stopped in its tracks in 1974 by Australia.

It takes a generation of planning and hard work by the best experts in world football, for example: all African countries, Korea, Japan, United States, and now China with the most experienced coach in world football.

5 THE KAT PETER KATHOLOS



Peter Katholos

Well I decided to go away for the weekend in Melbourne and let me tell you, what the World Cup fever was really like!

The people in this sports-loving state have gone soccer mad; cafes have their supporter flags flying, offices were barracking for their favourites and everybody has soccer fever.

Friday night, the big match-Argentina versus England. The Crown Casino organised the big screen and charging \$15 per head, they had sold out, and forcing latecomers to look for the nearest TV set in the joint.

My wife and I decided to go to the Mercury Lounge in the nightclub. We watched the big game to all the latest beats and for the first time, I thoroughly enjoyed a soccer game with-

out the normal commentary.

And what a pulsating affair it turned out to be between these two great teams. The difference being the little man Michael Owen. Now only in his early 20's Owen has proved his worth on the big stage and his performance on Friday night was further evidence of this. In France four years ago, he tormented an Argentina team defence unaware of the upcoming prodigy. In this year's World Cup he was that same menace and was without doubt the difference between the two teams in creating the unexpected.

People were glued to the television sets and only when the game had finished, did anyone take any notice of the D.J.

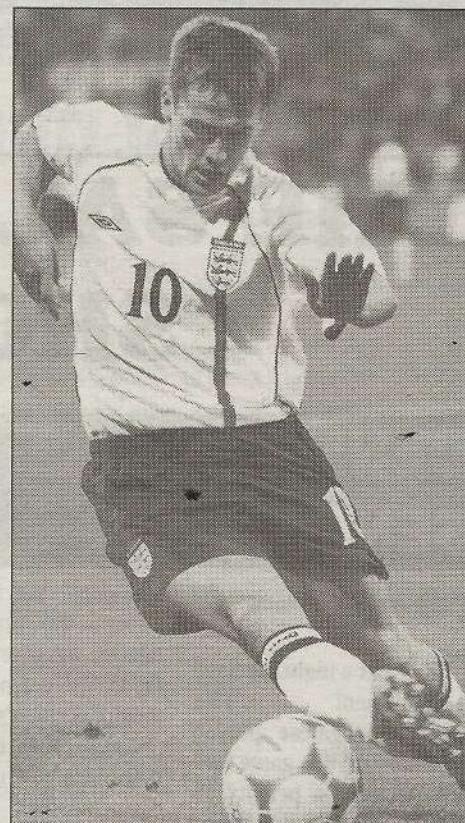
Then the following day, we had the Italians coming up against the third placed team of France '98 the Croatians. This was a close encounter of two nations with fantastic supporter bases that live every moment on and off the field.

Croatia won the game and Lygon Street in Melbourne was set alight with fans clashing in brawls in the street after Italy had lost 2-1.

The next set of matches of this World Cup will determine who qualifies for the next round. At the moment, the pre-tournament favourites, the likes of France, Italy and Portugal face uphill battles in their effort to make it past the group phase. Brazil meanwhile have firmed as potential champions after impressive displays against Turkey and China, while the host nations of Korea and Japan have used the wave of home support to record their first ever World Cup victories. Sadly however with two matches already played, the World Cup is over for the likes of Slovenia, Saudi Arabia, Ecuador and African heavyweights Nigeria.

So let's just sit back and absorb what will be classic matches. Can France beat Denmark by the required two goals. Will Italy overcome Mexico, can the Argentinians bounce back and beat Sweden? What about the samba kings. Do they have what it takes to win another World Cup?

We will see.



Michael Owen: England's energetic striker.

6 THE GUVNOR – KELLY CROSS



Kelly Cross

WORLD STARS DISPLAY QUALITY TECHNIQUE

NSWIS Coach Kelly Cross discusses this week

about why so many stars in the current 2002 World Cup are good at what they do.

So far, apart from the performance of Saudi Arabia, it's been an excellent World Cup. We've all admired the top players from around the world: Diouf, Tomasson, Klose, Batistuta, Raul, De Pedro, Ronaldo, Denilson, Vieri, and many others. What do these exciting players have in common, apart from the fact that it's hard to spell their names?

You can come up with various suggestions, 'they're confident with the ball', 'they make things

happen', etc, etc. For me, it all boils down to PACE and TECHNIQUE. Their confidence, and their ability to make a difference are very closely related to these two attributes.

Pace without technique might get you to a certain level, and we all know players who are super-quick but the shot or cross after the run always lets them down. Some players make it a long way on pace alone, maybe ending up as one of those who stops other people playing and keeps it simple when he has the ball.

Technique without pace is just as limited. Sure, you might have a great shot and a brilliant ability to volley the ball, but that's not much good if you can never lose your marker or get to the ball first in order to shoot in the first place.

Those world stars I mentioned have both characteristics in abundance.

What does this have to do with youth coaching? How can youth coaches use these simple observations to improve the job they do? I think they should



ask themselves this question: 'Which of those two characteristics can I really help my players get better at?' In other words, what should I really be spending my time on, to help produce the next Aussie star?

TECHNIQUE, TECHNIQUE, TECHNIQUE!

I made the point in an earlier article, and it is so apparent to all of us now, that players must be given a thorough grounding in the technical skills of the game AND THE TIME FOR YOUTH COACHES TO DO IT IS NOW! Let's not continue to see our National Team come so close to greatness, only for

everyone to say 'They were better on the ball than us', 'They're more skilful than us', etc. It's not Frank Farina's job to give them technique or teach them skills. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW!

Harry Kewell didn't learn to dribble or strike a ball when he was with me from 14 to 17 years of age. That part of his development had already been taken care of at Parklea, particularly by Oscar Gonzalez, from 10 to 13 years of age.

We don't have a street football culture here, like Brazil for example, where kids learn by playing and experimenting, so we need good youth coaches.

Youth coaches who understand the importance of their job in shaping the future of our game.

Here's hoping you can start the career of the next Harry Kewell.



Harry Kewell: Australian superstar.



CUP REPORT (GROUP A-B)



FRANCE STILL ALIVE!

FRANCE URUGUAY

By Alain Barataud

Not a bad draw for both sides but now they both need to win their final game to have a chance to qualify. France started the game very focused and scored their first goal by David Trezeguet but this one was disallowed for offside position. Uruguay was under pressure and tried everything to stop the French attack.

The first half was marked by Thierry Henri's undeserved red card who left his team for more than one hour with ten players. France was suddenly challenged by Uruguay who believed they could beat

the French defence but all their attempts was thwarted by a brilliant Barthez.

Recoba, the main danger for France, tested the impenetrable Keeper's skills, to no avail. Recoba was the only Uruguayan player to play football, the rest of his team resorted to rough tactics especially Da Silva.

The second half saw very lively play with France attacking non stop and counter attacks from Recoba put France on edge. The best chance in the second half had Recoba passing the French defence on the left side, dribbling Barthez and missing a great opportunity with an empty goal.

France breathed a sigh of relief and con-

tinued their attack to get two huge opportunities by Trezeguet and Wiltord, unfortunately, saved by a very good Culini.

France showed a very good face against Uruguay playing in part some clever football with only ten men and proved they can make a good comeback against Denmark to qualify for the second round especially with the return of Zidane. Special mention to Fabien Barthez, first goalkeeper of the World Cup, to be awarded FIFA Man of the Match.

If Uruguay wants to pass this round against Senegal, they have to show something different than the disappointing game they had against France and stop relying on Recoba's magic.

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Roger Lemerre said, "We're still alive and now need to perform very well against Denmark to continue the adventure."

Victor Pua said, "Today is a good draw

against the World Champions, now we have one chance more and we're going to try to win this one."



France's Sylvain Wiltord holds off Uruguay's Alvaro Recoba.

THE SALIF DIAO SHOW

DENMARK SENEGAL

By Alain Barataud

What a night for Salif Diao! The Senegalese player will remember this game forever - he gave a penalty to Denmark to open the score, equalized for Senegal himself and was sent off a few minutes later. He is undoubtedly man of the match.

After a good beginning, Denmark opened the score with a penalty by Tomasson who scored his third consecutive goal of the competition, and at this moment of the game it looked like Denmark was going to see their second victory in this World Cup.

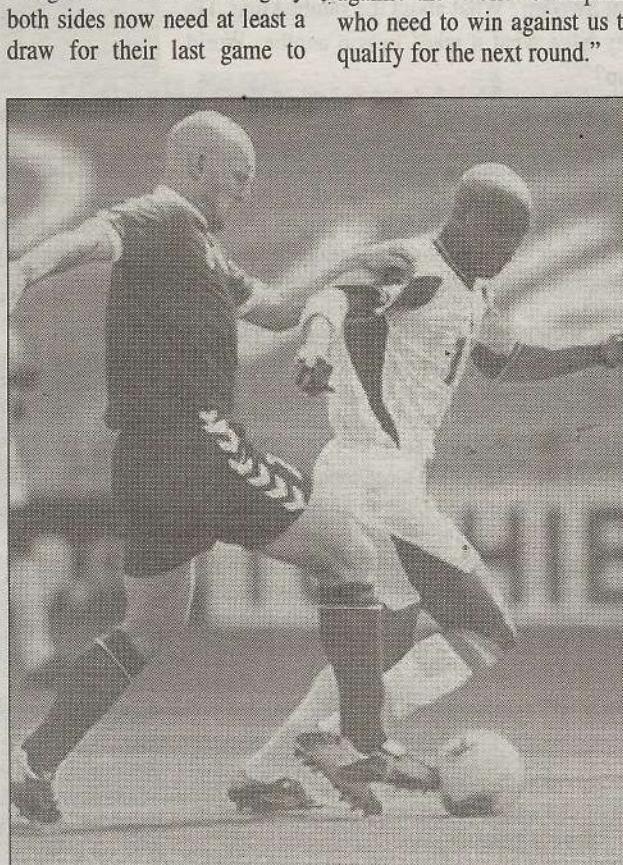
Ten minutes later, a goal from Tomasson again was badly judged by the referee as a handball and disallowed. The replay showed a different story.

Senegal returned in the second half with a different attitude to equalize the score and was rewarded with a goal by Diao. Senegal dominated the game thereafter but couldn't find the net. After a second yellow card for Diao, he was sent off and Senegal with ten men continued to play superb foot-

guarantee a passage to the next round.

Senegal coach, Bruno Metsu said, "I am disappointed with the draw. Now we need a good attitude against Uruguay to secure our qualification."

Danish coach, Morten Olsen said, "It's a good draw after our average game, but now its going to be a different story against the World Champions who need to win against us to qualify for the next round."



Senegal's El Hadji Diao is tackled by Denmark's Thomas Gravesen.

SPANIARDS FIRST TEAM INTO SECOND ROUND

SPAIN PARAGUAY

By Daniel Kuzlow

Spain became the first country to qualify for the last 16 of the World Cup to record a 3-1 victory over Paraguay.

A rampant Fernando Morientes scored two second-half goals to bring Spain back from one down to Paraguay. The half-time substitute was the hero in a hard-fought match that the Spanish nonetheless deserved to win.

Paraguay's goal came when goalkeeper Iker Casillas saved the ball into the legs of Carlos Puyol, who could not prevent putting it into his own net. Captain Fernando Hierro added a late penalty to assure that Spain would win their first two matches in a World Cup since 1950.

Paraguay came out and controlled possession early, and it wasn't long



Paraguay's goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert fires in a free-kick as the Spanish wall looks on.

Diego Tristan at the start of the second half and proved to be the difference between the two teams.

Morientes levelled after 53 minutes when he climbed highest in the area to head home De Pedro's free kick. When it had seemed that Spain were out of ideas, De Pedro served a corner kick from the left side, and Morientes elevated above the defence and drove a powerful header that Chilavert could only watch as it flew past him to his right.

Morientes notched his and Spain's second of the game after 69 minutes when he bundled the ball over the line from close range. De Pedro again served a cross from the left, Chilavert came off his line but couldn't intercept, and Morientes had little trouble tapping the ball into the empty net.

Spain made sure of the points from the penalty spot when Raul was brought down in the area in what looked a rather soft penalty. Spanish captain Hierro stepped up to take the spot-kick, and struck it well into the lower-left corner as Chilavert guessed the wrong way.



CUP REPORT (GROUP B-C)



SOUTH AFRICA SECURE FIRST WORLD CUP WIN AS SLOVENIA DEPARTS THE SCENE

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By Daniel Kuziow

South Africa boosted their second round qualification chances and ended Slovenia's World Cup dream as they defeated the European side 1-0 on Saturday afternoon.

Quinton Fortune's fourth minute free kick from the left wing found Siyabonga Nomvetha unmarked in front of goal and he went to head the

ball but instead glanced it off his thigh into the net and past the ball watching goalkeeper Marko Simeunovic.

Slovenia meanwhile looked totally out of sorts, rattled by the departure of their playmaker Zlatko Zahovic last week. It left a side without creativity or conviction. The Slovenians did not fire one shot on target during the first half. To make things worse coach Srecko Katanec was forced to sit in the stands after persistently

arguing with the fourth official from the dugout.

South Africa looked the more dangerous side through most of the first half-hour, though they did little to test Simeunovic. Slovenia, for their part, threatened more in the final quarter-hour of the half, nearly getting the equaliser on a 19-metre shot from Milenko Acimovic that went just wide of the far post.

South Africa nearly had their second goal when

Sibusiso Zuma beat a defender on the right side and cut the ball back from the by-line to Benedict McCarthy, who had an open goal in front of him but could not get his shot off before the defence closed in on him.

The teams went into the interval with South Africa content with their one-goal lead. Slovenia, meanwhile, showed little sense of urgency despite the deficit and the possibility of elimination 45 minutes away.

The second half continued like the first, with neither side threatening the other's goal-mouth nor captivating the crowd, who resorted to starting

a Mexican wave to entertain themselves.

Slovenia finally showed some life when Nastja Ceh headed a right-wing cross on goal, but South Africa goalkeeper Andre Arendse was able to slap it away for a corner. Slovenia gave the

Africans a scare when Amir Karic pounced on a bad give-away in the South African end and fired a powerful shot that went just over the bar. Simeunovic did well to keep South Africa from sealing the win when he came off his line and saved a shot from Delron

Buckley, who had gone free on goal. But Simeunovic's efforts alone would not be enough, and South Africa walked off the pitch with all three points and their first-ever victory in the World Cup finals.



South Africa's Cyril Nzama wins the ball from Slovenia's Doni Novak.

RIVALDO PENALTY SAVES BRAZIL AGAINST IMPRESSIVE TURKEY

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Brazil overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit to defeat Turkey 2-1 in by far the most exciting match of the World Cup to this point. Relentless attacking pressure from the Brazilians eventually came to fruition in a scintillating second half where Rivaldo assisted and scored Brazil's goals.

Hasan Sas sent Turkey into a surprising first half lead after blasting a 6 yard shot past Marcos just on the stroke of half time. Yildiray Basturk sent a devastating cross into the area to setup Sas' break-through goal.

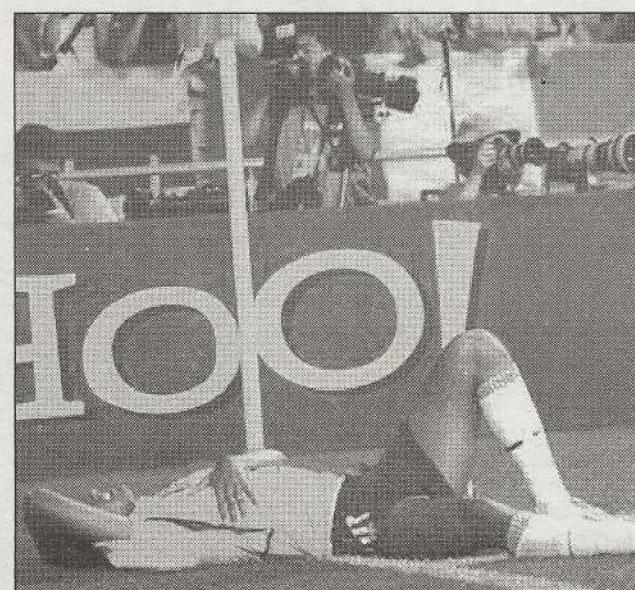
Rustu was the story of the first half as he came up with numerous saves to keep Turkey in the match. Brazil's best chance came five minutes before the break when Ronaldo dazzled on the left flank before sending a cross to Rivaldo's head. But Rivaldo's snap-header from six yards out was blocked by Rustu's arm.

Moments later Rustu saved long-range grass-cutters from Rivaldo and Roberto Carlos, and just before Sas' opener Rustu denied Ronaldinho from close range after the crafty midfielder danced through the Turkish defence.

Brazil continued to bring the attack in the second half and showed their mettle when Rivaldo hooked up with Ronaldo shortly after the break to level the score at 1 apiece.

In the 60th minute Rustu came up with another save, this time denying Lucio's point blank toe-poke in a corner-kick scramble. Moments later Juninho was freed in the box but a sprawling Rustu kept out his powerful shot, while the ensuing corner resulted in a goal by Rivaldo called back for offside.

Ironically, the reliable Rustu helped set up Brazil's winning goal. Rustu misplayed a pass out of the back and Brazil pounced. The ball ended up at the feet of Luizao who had recently replaced Ronaldo, but Luizao's progression towards the open goal was slowed by the shirt pulling of Alpay.



Rivaldo 'simulates' being hit in the face in the dying moments of the Brazil versus Turkey match.

COSTA RICA CRUMBLE THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

COSTA RICA

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By Vincent Vartuli

Costa Rica has proven to strong for world cup debutantes China running away with a 2-0 victory in their opening group match.

The goals arrived in quick succession in the 61st minute and the 65th minute with Ronald Gomez and Mauricio Wright scoring respectively.

The only real opportunity of the first half fell to Paulo Wanchope the star of the Costa Rican team who missed a golden opportunity to put his team in front when he the goal with a close range header.

From that point on the first half never met any real heights with at the half time break only seven shots were had at goal. Though the Costa Ricans did look more likely to score.

The second half started on a

the desperate defence and the outstretched keeper.

Four minutes later the game looked to be dead and buried. After a short corner Gomez whipped the ball in from the edge of the area near the goal line, Defender Wright was left totally unmarked at the near post and glanced his header in to make the game 2-0.

With the game over Costa Rica still looked to attack with Gomez



Mauricio Wright scores Costa Rica's decisive second goal.

The first half display was a lackluster affair with only a few notable happenings occurring.

Sun JiHai one of China's most influential players received an untimely injury in the 26th minute and was forced to leave the field. He was replaced by Quon Bo, but the loss of such a key player seemed to rattle the Chinese.

more positive note with Costa Rica looking dangerous. It was Gomez who created the opening that led to his goal. He managed to back heel the ball into the path of Paulo Wanchope whose shot from outside the box was blocked.

Yet Gomez was first to react to the loose ball and curled his shot into the top left-hand corner past

having a shot cleared off the line after rounding the keeper.

It has to be said that Costa Rican keeper Erick Lonnis looked competent and wasn't troubled by any shot or cross which was had by China.

Yet it has to be said he was rarely troubled and was never really forced to make a save.



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CUP REPORTS (GROUP C-D)



RIVALDO TURNS HERO TO VILLAIN IN BRAZILIAN WIN

BRAZIL TURKEY

By Vincent Vartulli

A late penalty by Rivaldo and an earlier strike by Ronaldo has secured Brazil a controversial 2-1 victory over Turkey, with Turkey having two men sent off, and a questionable penalty being awarded against them.

Hakan Sas looked to be the hero for Turkey scoring in stoppage time in the first half yet after the break the trend of play swung back to Brazil.

Brazil began the game the busier team with the three R's, Rivaldo, Ronaldo and Ronaldinho looking a constant threat to the

Turkish defence.

In fact it was Ronaldinho who had the first real chance of the game. Rustu the Turkish keeper who made some memorable saves throughout the game, made a has of the clearance, the ball fell to Ronaldinho who tried a hopeful shot some 30-yards out and out wide on the left, yet the shot went high and wide.

Down the other end a Turkish free kick was awarded, what looked to be a lack of communication between the players, which resulted in a mistaken lay-off, fell straight to Alpay who had a shot which just skinned the crossbar after it deflected off one of the Brazilian players.

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Continuous raids down the wings saw Cafu and Roberto Carlos make inroads behind the defence, with one raid resulting in a Juninho shot which just went wide of the post.

Rustu was the busier of the two keepers and made the save of the game in the 40th minute. Ronaldo who looked like he was near to his best fooled the Turkish defence on the left, his inch perfect cross found the head of Rivaldo who directed his header back to the left but a reflex save by an off balance Rustu saved the day for Turkey.

Yet the miss looked to be costly for the Brazilian team when just on half time Hasan Sas struck. The Turk met a perfectly weight-

ed chip over the defence by Basturk and thundered the ball home beating the keeper Marcos at the near post.

After being denied for most of the game and just seconds earlier before the goal Brazil finally struck through Ronaldo on the 50-minute mark. A well time cross by Rivaldo was lunged at by Ronaldo whose effort bounced into the ground and high into the net from six yards out.

The momentum was with Brazil and they had numerous opportunities to go ahead.

Both teams rung changes and the substitutions nearly worked for both teams with Denilson who came on for Ronaldo looking the most lively, while on the other side Umit Davala from Milan looked silky in attack.

Yet as the Turks sat back Brazil struck in the last couple of minutes of the game. Alpay was sent off after holding back Luizao who latched onto a poor clearance from the keeper Rustu Recber. Surprisingly a penalty was awarded when the initial shirt pulling was outside the box. Nevertheless Rivaldo coolly converted to secure what some may say a deserved victory, making the score 2-1.

Yet the game ended on a sour note when another Turk Hakan Unsul was red carded after he kicked the ball at Rivaldo's feet. Rivaldo theatrically went down clutching his face. Later Rivaldo would incur a fine and a serious reprimand. It was the last kick of the game.

Afterwards the Turkish coach Senal Gunes still hurting from the loss said "there is an injustice in the result, I have to say that an Injustice".

Luiz Scolari obviously had no qualms about the referee adding "I didn't think the referee had an influence in the game, in my opinion the referee was not a problem in the game".

Luiz Scolari also admitted that although he was happy there is still plenty of work to do.



Ronaldo scores Brazil's opening goal in their controversial win against Turkey.

COSTA RICA SNATCH LATE DRAW AGAINST TURKEY

COSTA RICA TURKEY

By Vincent Vartulli

At the end of a very thrilling and hard-fought match, Turkey and Costa Rica drew 1-1, a result that severely complicates Turkey's qualification chances. Gunes's side will be forced to defeat China on Thursday, scoring as many goals as possible, while hoping that already qualified Brazil will defeat Costa Rica.

In the first half the match was a very even affair. Turkey tried to apply some pressure in the opening minutes, but struggled to find spaces inside the opponent's half-court. The Central Americans showed a very good organisation and progressively took control of the match, creating some good opportunities with their quick counterattacks.

On one of these Costa Ricans had the best chance of the half as Centeno shot just over the bar in the 34th minute.

The second part of the match was much more attractive.

Turkey realized that they had to increase the rhythm of their play in order to grab the much needed lead and this is precisely what happened right after the whistle.

Hakan Sukur missed a huge chance on 48 minutes by shooting wide from favorable position, but eight minutes later

some very good chances with Gomez, Castro and Lopez whose shots just missed the target.

As the minutes passed it seemed that Turkey, although often in trouble, could manage to grab this fundamental win. But the Costa Rican's efforts were finally rewarded when only four minutes were left on the clock through a shot by substitute Winston Parks who took profit of a cross by Medford and netted with a powerful left-footer.

Parks was about to make history two minutes later, but he incredibly shot wide of the wide open Turkey net after that he was able to dribble past Rustu.

Gunes' men managed to take go in-front on the scorecard.

There was a very good run in the box by Emre, Lonnis made a great save on the first shot by Inter's player but there was nothing to do for the Costa Rica keeper on the small wizard's second effort.

Costa Rica reacted with class and determination. Guimaraes' side crushed Turkey into their own half of the pitch and created



Costa Rican star Winston Parks bags his country's first goal in their 1-1 draw with Turkey.

SUN SHINES ON FIRST KOREAN VICTORY

KOREA REP. POLAND

By Daniel Kozlow

The Korea Republic made history at Busan on Tuesday night after a comprehensive two goals to nil victory over a disappointing Polish side.

In a dominant display in front of a combined audience well in the tens of millions, Gus Hiddink's side recorded their first World Cup finals victory after five previously fruitless campaigns with goals from Kashiwa Reysol's Hwang Sun Hang on 26 minutes and Yoo Sang Chul after 53 minutes.

The current Asian champions proved the huge weight of national expectation was no hurdle for them as they put in a performance to prove the emerging force of Asian football against a seasoned World Cup nation returning after an absence of 16 years.

For the visiting Poles, their performance was appallingly second-rate. Blessed with a era of players from their silver medal winning performance at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and topping their qualifying group in convincing style against such teams as the Ukraine and France 98 qualifiers Norway, the Jerzy Engel coached side lacked the necessary creativity and resilience needed at this level of competition.

Their only valid shot on goal came after only two minutes when Emmanuel Olisadebe slipped a pass through to Jacek Krzynowek on the left. Running into the box he could only find the side netting from his favoured left side. On 12 minutes, Olisadebe tracked down a Polish long ball and cut inside his marker only to see his shot hacked away by the recovering Korean defence. It

made sure of the result following a splendidly taken effort from Yoo Sang Chul. Picking the ball up in the Korean attacking third, Yoo advanced on goal and from the edge of the penalty-area, unleashed a swerving right-footed shot that Dudek could only manage to get a hand to.

On a night when fellow hosts Japan had managed only a 2-2 draw with Belgium in Group H after coming back from 1-nil down to hold a 2-1 lead, many feared the same fate would be bestowed upon a country desperate to prove their potential on a world stage against a country who had twice captured third place at the World's biggest sporting spectacle.

It was not to be however and with the devoted Korean fans urging on their heroes, the Korean Republic performed with an elegance and guile fitting of a team with years of World Cup wins under its belt. Could it be the start of a bright new age of Korean Football? If so, many at this World Cup and beyond will look belfind them and see blue and red of Korea fast approaching them.



South Korea celebrate their first ever World Cup win.

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SUPER LEAGUE FEATURE MATCH



Rockdale City Suns

v



Hurstville City CS

By Greg Stock

Rockdale City Suns continue to sit atop the Super League Competition Table but after their 2-2 draw with Hurstville City on Sunday, that is more by good luck than good management.

After playing some inspiring football in the first half to twice come back from deficits, Rockdale were arguably the better side in the first forty-five minutes, but after a very forgettable second half, their large army of fans would feel a little uneasy after again watching their team put in another 'Jekyll and Hyde' performance.

With Michael Kladis missing from the Hurstville run-on side, coach Peter Sarikakis had reason for a little concern but that all dissipated when his side scored first in the 28th minute.

Hans Sevgin literally smashed his spot-kick home after Huseyin Bayhan was bought down in a clumsy challenge by Ghenaide Costiuc. But, just four minutes later, Rockdale were back on equal terms when Malcolm Bideau sauntered forward to put home a very tame header from a short looping cross by Leo Carle.

But just as the Rockdale fans were returning to their seats, Hussein Jomaa pushed forward from the resulting kickoff to drill a left foot shot from 25 yards to give Peter Trajcevski no chance.

The first-half goal scoring orgy came to an end after Devrim Huseyin lashed out at Hong Yuel Ju in the 44th minute, to allow Leo Carle to drive home the resultant penalty.

After four goals in the first half, the second half was one eagerly anticipated by fans of both sides. But just when it seemed



Goalscorers Malcolm Bideau (Rockdale) and Hussein Jomaa (Hurstville) clash during Sunday's game.

the game could go either way, the home side seemingly lost their drive and for the remainder of the match looked listless. Their opponents had their tails up and if it wasn't for some excellent goalkeeping from Trajcevski and some excellent defensive work from Costiuc and Richard Plesa, the match could well have been one sided.

With Jimmy Aschner providing some much needed pace on the forward line, Rockdale were constantly caught out as Hurstville kept pushing through with wave after wave of attacks. Sevgin, Jomaa and Huseyin revelled in the extra midfield space teasing and taunting their higher profile opponents and surprisingly, made some of them look second rate.

With coach Mile Todorovski screaming instructions and introducing Goce Trposki to the fray, Rockdale did have a couple of late chances to make something happen. But with Sam Panagakis and Evangelos Petratos marshalling well at the back, the Hurstville defence stood firm.

While the result flattered the home side a little, the rest of the Super League clubs should keep an eye out for Hurstville City. They are quickly turning into one of the most creative and attacking sides in the league and if their second half is anything to go by, they will win a lot of games in the run home.

ROCKDALE CITY 2
(Malcolm Bideau 32' Leo Carle 44' pen)

HURSTVILLE CITY 2
(Hans Sevgin 28' pen Hussein Jomaa 33')

at Rockdale Ilinden SC

ROCKDALE CITY SUNS:
Peter Trajcevski, Ghenaide Costiuc, Hong Yuel Ju, Richard Plesa, Alex Kotovich, Ben Deighan, Peter Apolevski, Malcolm Bideau, Spase Najdoski (Goce Trposki 67'), Leo Carle, Nick Bosevski;
Coach: Mile Todorovski.

Cautions: Deighan 40' Costiuc 75'

HURSTVILLE CITY CRESCENT STAR: Steve Tolios, Devrim Huseyin, Sam Panagakis, Evangelos Petratos, Jimmy Aschner, Hans Sevgin, Huseyin Bayhan, Tayfun Devrimol, Achilleas Markopoulos, Hussein Jomaa, Yavus Ekinci (Tanjil Balabanel 31');
Coach: Peter Sarikakis.

Cautions: Markopoulos 24' Bayhan 38' Devrimol 44'

Referee: Matthew Breeze
Assistant Referees: Brendon Skinner and Heidi Breeze

SUPER LEAGUE

ROUND 14

Sunday 16 June

			First Grade	Grade 21	Grade 19
Ryde City	v	Fraser Park	Magdala Road	3:00PM	1:00PM
Dulwich Hill	v	Stanmore Hawks	Arlington Oval	3:00PM	1:00PM
Manly Warringah	v	Macarthur Rams	Cromer Park	3:00PM	1:00PM
Sydney University	v	MSC Liverpool	Sydney Uni Oval No 1	3:00PM	1:00PM
Hurstville City CS	v	Hajduk Wanderers	St George Stadium	3:00PM	1:00PM
Rockdale City Suns v	AC United	AC United	Rockdale Ilinden Field	3:00PM	1:00PM

ROUND 15

Saturday 22 June

			First Grade	Grade 21	Grade 19
Macarthur Rams	v	Ryde City	Lynwood Park	7:00PM	5:00PM

Sunday 23 June

Hajduk Wanderers v	Manly Warringah	Hajduk Stadium	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM
AC United v	Hurstville City CS	Abruzzi Oval	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM
Stanmore Hawks v	Sydney University	Arlington Oval	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM
Fraser Park Jets v	Dulwich Hill	Fraser Park	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM
MSC Liverpool v	Rockdale City Suns	Hammondville Park	3:00PM	1:00PM	11:00AM



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ROUND THIRTEEN WRAP-UP

By Greg Stock



Sydney University custodian Matt Craw, was the man of the match against Uni.

MACARTHUR RAMS 0

HAJDUK WANDERERS . . . 1
(J.J. Ellul 2')
at Lynwood Park

Hajduk picked up a valuable three points in a hard fought contest at a very cold Lynwood Park. Inside the first two minutes the visitors had the ball in the net with diminutive midfielder JJ Ellul following through a Tim Gledhill strike to deftly dispose of the crumbs from Rams' goalkeeper Sasha Bozic.

But after sweeper Robbie Kumin was sent off in the 5th minute for a deliberate handball, the Wanderer's had to endure another 85 minutes with just ten men on the park. But with midfielder Gabriel Gonzalez pushed back to sweeper and new signing Daniel Kukucka rolling his sleeves up in the unfamiliar role of midfielder, they survived to record the win.

The Rams did have their chances and pressed for long periods in the second half, but were unable to muster a decisive blow. Coach Tom McCulloch singled out JJ Ellul as his side's best.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY 0

AC UNITED 1
(Allan Picken 80')
at University Oval No 1

Not much joy for Uni coach Stewart Porter in his encounter with top-three side AC United. AC probably should have had the lead in the first forty seconds when Paul White smashed his shot from well inside the penalty box, but a reflex save

from goalkeeper Matt Craw kept his side in the hunt.

In fact it was Craw who was the best player on the park, pulling off a number of quality saves throughout the game. While AC United had the majority of the first half it was the 'Students' who took the game to their more fancied opponents in the second stanza.

But in the 80th minute, state representative Allan Picken timed his run from deep to perfection to meet a corner at the back post and put away a powerful header to give the visitors the lead.

Some desperate moments from Uni in the final few minutes weren't enough, sending AC well inside the top three with the points.



MSC Liverpool's George Issa.

FRASER PARK 1
(Adam Snyder 19')

MANLY-WARRINGAH 2
(Hamilton Thorpe 52' Ryan Griffiths 59')
at Fraser Park

"It was our best forty-five minutes so far this season" said Jets coach John Sentas after watching his side take the game to Manly in the first half.

Without the influential Steve Berry on deck, Manly coach Robbie Slater shuffled his side with Ryan Griffiths and Hamilton Thorpe starting up front. An Adam Snyder goal in the 19th minute, courtesy of a brilliant layoff from ex-St George

forward Alex Leris, gave the home side a narrow 1-0 lead at the break.

Playing a game of possession football, Fraser Park were clearly the better side and if their last touch had have been more effective the scoreline could have been well out of reach by half-time.

But Manly are made of sterner stuff and came right back into the contest courtesy of a trademark Hamilton Thorpe near post header, direct from a corner in the 52nd minute. Ryan Griffiths scored what would turn out to be the winner seven minutes later when he broke through the Jets' defence to beat goalkeeper Chris Deangelo with his right foot strike.

Fabio Macolino and Derek Poimer had strong games for Fraser Park while Dean McCreath deserves special mention for some great saves in the first half that kept his side well in the contest.



Hurstville's Angelo Petratos.

MSC LIVERPOOL 0
DULWICH HILL 0

Not one of the most inspiring games ever seen but certainly one of the most willing. Neither side gave an inch and in the end the scoreline probably reflected the endeavours of both sides.

Dulwich Hill handed a first grade debut to Robert Ristevski, a new signing from the Macedonian first division and he didn't let the side down, turning in an impressive performance.

Liverpool had the better of the exchanges in the first half and with Anthony Kanaan finding some good space down the right hand side, they could

well have been 1 or 2 nil up at the interval had it not been for some resistance from Dejan Ristovski and Andre Glucina.

In the second half Glucina was replaced after suffering some double vision and, with Ristovski back in the role as sweeper, the defence tightened and it was the visitors who had some chances in the second half.

Dulwich Hill goalkeeper Daniel Farias was also in the wars and was flattened by an over zealous challenge from Paul Wearne but lived to fight out the final five minutes to give his side a point.

STANMORE HAWKS 2

(Jim Melissourgos 45' Eric Hristodoulou 77')

RYDE CITY 3

(Robbie Portelli 11' 60' Own Goal 78')
at Arlington Oval

The Gunners almost lifted the roof off the change rooms at Arlington Oval as they celebrated long into the night after defeating title aspirants Stanmore Hawks in convincing fashion.

With Robbie Portelli restored to the starting lineup, the Gunners were 1-0 up early when he timed his run to drill home a Damien Brown cross. Jim Melissourgos got his side back in the contest when he headed home a free-kick after an indiscretion by Begley Cormack, but again in the second half the game was mostly Ryde's.

Portelli back-heeled his second goal in the 60th minute, much to the delight of the away fans before Eric Hristodoulou stepped up to a free kick just outside the penalty box and smashed a shot past Peter Sestak in the Gunner's goal.

But not to be denied, an own goal by Stanmore a minute later following a free kick by Erkin Everen, was enough to give Tony Dunn's side the full three points.



Greg Fuchs of Ryde City.

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ROUND 14 PREVIEW

By Greg Stock



Ryde City

v

Fraser Park

KICK-OFF: 3pm, 1pm & 11am, Sunday 16th June 2002
VENUE: Magdala Park Road, North Ryde.

Two weeks ago, this game would have looked like a one sided contest on paper, but after some indifferent form from the Jets this game could well go either way.

Fraser Park have struggled to run out their games in recent week and have suffered some second-half capitulations in key matches.

They'll need to be at their absolute best as Ryde have a tendency to grow an extra leg at their home ground of Magdala Oval

and run a well organised defence. Marcello Pena will definitely miss the game for the Jets with that knee problem while Daniel Borg is expected to be fit again after a week's layoff with a slight hamstring strain.

Ryde City have patched up their differences with goalsneak Ben Burrows and his partnership with Damien Brown and Robbie Portelli is expected to go a long way to deciding the outcome of this match.



Derek Poimer: Had a strong game against Manly.



Manly Warringah

v

Macarthur Rams

KICK-OFF: 3pm, 1pm & 11am, Sunday 16th June 2002
VENUE: Cromer Park, 101 South Creek Rd, Dee Why.

Another tough contest on paper with the much improved Rams more than capable of pulling off an upset if the Dolphins aren't right on their game.

Macarthur knocked over Hurstville City two weeks ago and while they did lose to a ten man Hajduk Wanderers last week, it was a narrow result and they did have one of their

own sent off with fifteen minutes remaining.

Steve Berry is expected to be only 50/50 for this weeks game after a hamstring problem kept him out of Manlys win against Fraser Park last Sunday.

But with the club again locked in a battle with Rockdale City for top spot, the incentive might be more than enough to get the home side across the line.



Manly's Steve Berry missed last week game.



Dulwich Hill

v

Stanmore Hawks



KICK-OFF: 3pm, 1pm & 11am, Sunday 16th June 2002
VENUE: Arlington Oval, William Parade, Dulwich Hill.

Dulwich Hill have a new coach in Washington Gonzalez and he will be at the helm this week as his side squares off in the local derby against Stanmore.

Gonzalez will have former Macedonian First Division Player Robert Ristevski on deck and it will be touch and go to see if both Daniel Farias and Andre Glucina play this week

after both suffered some bruises in last week's encounter with MSC Liverpool. Stanmore have to lift after being beaten by Ryde City last Sunday and their game against Hajduk on the Monday.

But coach Chris Karasis is an astute operator and he knows only too well his side must beat Dulwich Hill if they are to keep mounting pressure for a top five spot.



Sam Awad of Stanmore.



Sydney University

v

MSC Liverpool

KICK-OFF: 3pm, 1pm & 11am, Sunday 16th June 2002
VENUE: Sydney University, No.1 Main Campus, Sydney University, Camperdown.

This game is just about the last opportunity coach Stewart Porter and his side have of playing in the post-season.

A loss this week and they could just about kiss goodbye to their chances of the top five.

Porter is expected to have Rob Smithies back after a two week business trip to the US, but how effective he will be with a limited preparation is debatable.

MSC Liverpool have been improving since Lee Sterrey took over as coach, and he is really starting to instill some fighting talents in a side that has really struggled to score goals.

If Sydney University, with the likes of Adam Daley and Phil Wurth, can stop the Liverpool go forward then there is no reason why the Students can't bounce back into the winner's circle.



Luke McDougall of Sydney University.



Rockdale City Suns

v

AC United



KICK-OFF: 3pm, 1pm & 11am, Sunday 16th June 2002
VENUE: Rockdale Ilinden SC, 210 West Botany St, Arncliffe.

Game of the week without question, pits the first placed Suns head to head with AC United at the Rockdale Ilinden Sports Ground.

Rockdale struggled in the second half against Hurstville last week and were lucky to come away with a 2-2 draw.

They won't be afforded the same courtesy by this week's opponents who are one side that can put away their chances when offered. "Rockdale and Manly are the yardstick clubs for every other side in the competition" said AC United

coach Paul Carter.

"Every side wants to beat them to prove themselves and the boys are going to be pumped up for a big showing this week."

AC United may have Fernando Pellegrino and Mick Oliverio back in the squad after sitting out last week with injury but still have Nenos Bobo on the long term injury list. Rockdale will welcome back midfielder Denis Alilovic after a week off with business commitments and he is expected to be rushed straight back into the Suns' starting line-up.



Rockdale's Ghenadie Costiuc gave away a penalty at the weekend.



Hurstville City CS

v

Hajduk Wanderers



KICK-OFF: 3pm, 1pm & 11am, Sunday 16th June 2002
VENUE: St George Stadium, Bestic Road, Rockdale.

On paper this looks to be a terrific contest between two well matched sides desperate to push forward for the top five.

Hurstville have strengthened well in recent weeks and boast one of the most attacking lineups in the entire Super League.

With Jimmy Aschner and Husein Bayhan capable of splitting open a defence it will be interesting to see if Hajduk persist with Gabriel Gonzalez at sweeper to cover for the suspended Robbie

Kumin. Hajduk also have a secret weapon of their own in the form of Daniel Kukucka and his combination with the enigmatic Tim Gleddhill expected to hold a lot of interest.

"Hurstville are a very strong side" said Wanderers coach Tom McCulloch.

"They have a number of key players we need to watch but if we keep our heads and play as well as we did last week, there is no reason why we can't come away with the win."



Maher Kadouh of Hurstville.



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Scoreboard

SUPER LEAGUE RD 13

First Grade

MACARTHUR RAMS	0	HAJDUK WANDERERS	1
(J Ellul 2')			
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	0	AC UNITED	1
(A Picken 80')			
FRASER PARK	1	MANLY WARRINGAH	2
(A Snyder 19')		(H Thorpe 52', R Griffiths 59')	
MSC LIVERPOOL	0	DULWICH HILL	0
STANMORE HAWKS	2	RYDE CITY	3
(J Melissourgos 45', E Hristodoulou 77')		(R Portelli 11'/60', own goal 78')	
ROCKDALE CITY SUNS	2	HURSTVILLE CITY CS	2
(M Bideau 36', L Carle 44' pen)		(H Sevgin 28' pen, H Jomaa 37')	

UNDER 21

MACARTHUR RAMS	1	HAJDUK WANDERERS	3
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	0	AC UNITED	1
FRASER PARK	2	MANLY WARRINGAH	2
MSC LIVERPOOL	2	DULWICH HILL	0
STANMORE HAWKS	0	RYDE CITY	1
ROCKDALE CITY SUNS	1	HURSTVILLE CITY CS	0

UNDER 19

MACARTHUR RAMS	2	HAJDUK WANDERERS	1
SYDNEY UNIVERSITY	2	AC UNITED	3
FRASER PARK	1	MANLY WARRINGAH	2
MSC LIVERPOOL	0	DULWICH HILL	2
STANMORE HAWKS	1	RYDE CITY	2
ROCKDALE CITY SUNS	5	HURSTVILLE CITY CS	1



Rockdale City Suns

SUPER LEAGUE TABLE RD 13

FIRST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rockdale City Suns	13	9	3	1	33	14	30
Manly Warringah	13	9	3	1	32	15	30
AC United	12	7	3	2	24	18	24
Hajduk Wanderers	12	6	2	4	22	16	20
Stanmore Hawks	11	5	3	3	23	14	18
Fraser Park Jets	12	5	3	4	15	15	18
Hurstville City CS	13	4	4	5	25	25	16
Ryde City	13	3	4	6	17	21	13
Sydney University	13	3	3	7	23	29	12
Dulwich Hill	12	3	1	8	11	22	10
Macarthur Rams	13	3	1	9	12	26	10
MSC Liverpool	13	1	4	8	6	28	7

UNDER 21

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ryde City	13	8	2	3	30	20	26
Macarthur Rams	13	8	2	3	29	21	26
Fraser Park Jets	12	7	2	3	26	14	23
AC United	12	7	2	3	22	15	23
Hajduk Wanderers	12	6	3	3	23	19	21
Hurstville City CS	13	5	4	4	23	19	19
Rockdale City Suns	12	5	2	5	21	19	17
Manly Warringah	12	4	4	4	18	16	16
MSC Liverpool	12	3	2	7	15	29	11
Stanmore Hawks	11	2	3	6	8	15	9
Sydney University	13	2	3	8	18	30	9
Dulwich Hill	11	1	1	9	7	23	4

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ryde City	13	10	1	2	36	21	31
Macarthur Rams	13	9	1	3	34	20	28
Manly Warringah	12	8	2	2	33	18	26
Dulwich Hill	11	8	0	3	21	9	24
Rockdale City Suns	11	7	2	2	27	18	23
Hajduk Wanderers	12	6	1	5	20	19	19
Fraser Park Jets	12	5	0	7	21	18	15
Sydney University	12	3	3	6	20	30	12
Stanmore Hawks	11	3	2	6	20	22	11
AC United	12	2	4	6	22	27	10
MSC Liverpool	12	1	2	9	18	34	5
Hurstville City CS	13	0	2	11	14	50	2



Hurstville City Crescent Star



NSW Divisions 1 & 2



DIVISION ONE ROUND-UP RD 13

In Tuesday night's catch up game at Valentine Park, **NORTHERN TIGERS** dropped precious points when visitors **WHITE CITY** scored a dramatic last minute equaliser from the penalty spot, courtesy of Danny Poljak.

Twice the Tigers had led only for Tom Mihajlovic's City to strike back.

A first-half goal from Jason Mesiti had the Northern Sydney side ahead but a first ever penalty miss by Antony Oppedisano proved costly as the hosts only went in 1-0 ahead at the break and Danny Poljak was able to level 15 minutes into the second half.

Tigers' coach Fred Mesiti must have been happy when Matt Jaffray restored his side's lead, but a swift White City break brought about a foul inside the area and referee Simon Przydacz pointed to the spot. Poljak rarely misses and this time was no exception.

Rival coaches Mesiti and Mihajlovic were divided on the merits of the penalty decision but, as old friends, at least they both knew the game had been a genuine contest, played amid circling mist as the game drew to its inevitable conclusion. 2-2 the final outcome.

BATHURST came to the **NORTHERN TIGERS'** Parklands Oval in the midst of a three game away series and needed to win to remain top four candidates.

They did win, 1-0, by virtue of a goal in the first minute from Mark Rooke, one of the easiest the loyal Bathurst servant will have scored.

Two defenders appeared to have the wily Dominic Catanzariti well under their joint control, but inexplicably they allowed the Bathurst man to win the ball back, out wide on the left. The pinpoint cross supplied by Catanzariti found Rooke lurking in the goalmouth and the veteran striker did the rest.

As the game wore on, Northern Tigers created and continued to create countless chances and yet never looked convincing, with some inept finishing and some sterling Bathurst defence keeping them scoreless.

Chief culprit appeared to be Daniel Mittiga, but the Tigers' player was also very unlucky with shots blocked on the line in the first half and then somehow cleared to safety in the second.

In the final minute of a frustrating day for the locals the Bathurst defence appeared to gift the Tigers the ball inside their own six yard area and yet the ball would still not go in for the Tigers.

Bathurst's defence was brilliantly led by David Baillie and Shane West was a rock at the back, alongside him.

Keeper Jarrod Bone covered himself in glory with a string of first class saves to deny a Northern Tigers side that lacks some punch up front at present and needs to do more, going forward, to take the pressure off an overworked defence.

BELMORE HERCULES did well to shrug aside **WESTERN RAGE** at Blick Oval and record a 1-0 win thanks to yet another Sam Solidakis goal.

Solidakis got away down the right and with defenders stranded on the edge of the penalty area and no other players in sight, sent over a shot from a tight angle that found its way into the net at the far post for a freaky goal.

This 61st minute goal proved enough to separate the two sides at the finish.

Try as they might Rage could find no way back and will need to do some work now to get back in contention with sides like Bathurst still remaining competitive.

WHITE CITY after their mid-week outing against Northern Tigers faced **HILLS UNITED** at Calabrian Sports Ground and needed another win to make an impact on the semi finals berths that are now beckoning.

Hills, after recovering so well to snatch a point against the leaders Wanderers Cedars, went on with the job and secured a 4-3 win, to show that they are one of the more attractive sides in the competition, despite their lowly position. Self belief seems to be on the increase after this showing.

Alan Lindley is one of the division's more experienced strikers and when in form can turn a game on its head. He opened the scoring in the 2nd minute, but the competition's leading scorer, Danny Poljak, managed to put his White City side level in the 20th.

Lindley then gave Hills the lead two minutes into the second half before Julian Miller added a third two minutes later, with Zarb making it 4-1 in the 56th.

While White City pulled one back courtesy of an own goal around the hour mark, and got even closer with a Poljak penalty, it was not enough to deny Hills their first win away from home and one of their best thus far.

WANDERERS CEDARS and **ILLAWARRA LIONS** were on parade at the Fogolar Furlan ground in Carramar on Sunday.

Illawarra made much of the early running with Vlado Kiparizov bursting through in the 4th minute to hit a rising shot that just cleared the Wanderers' bar and looked to spell danger for the home side.

Instead it was Wanderers who got their names on the scoresheet first.

After the Lions had tried a quickly taken free kick moments earlier Wanderers took the same idea and scored with it in the 8th minute.

Alan Wawi took the initiative allowed him by referee Kevin Humphreys to deliver a pass to the unmarked Amer Fayad who was able to turn the ball into an inviting net.

Stunned by this Illawarra fought back and looked the better side in the latter stages of the first half.

Sasho Boskovski smashed a great shot against the crossbar in the 16th minute and it was one of many chances that gave the Lions' real hopes of securing a second win on the road in as many weeks.

They got their reward for an enterprising performance, at least in the first 45 minutes, when a brilliant move involving a prolonged sequence of passes led to the classy Marko Vuckovic threading a pass through for Kiparizov to go on and beat the keeper, Kalid Kando, with some relish.

The game was an entertaining one and chances came thick and fast, with Illawarra looking very determined, yet the home side was giving as much in return.

Therefore the second half was eagerly anticipated and it was only fifteen minutes old when the home side regained the lead.

Illawarra had again looked very impressive at the start of the period and they were rocked by the second Wanderers' goal.

Gus Orcajo did some excellent work on the right and fed Fayad whose routine cross was headed bullet-like past Trinity Allen by Eddie Adam.

Illawarra looked less in control after this setback and it was the home side that took over well and truly for the rest of the game and extended their lead in the 64th.

Adam turned provider and Fayad was able to get on the end of a good cross to nod home the third.

The win keeps Wanderers well clear at the top and upset Illawarra's hopes of moving swiftly up the table.

HURSTVILLE, after smarting from the loss to Illawarra last Sunday, had to deal with second placed **MOUNT PRITCHARD** who continue to defy all comers and it should have come as little surprise that the points were shared and that it was goal-less at Hurstville Oval.

There was not a lot to say about a game that lacked enthusiasm from both teams, who looked as if they would rather be elsewhere. Clint Mayberry went close for Hurstville in the 16th minute, having a shot that went narrowly wide.

The 30th saw Joe Moric play the ball through for Rowan Healey to confront the Hurstville keeper, who came out to narrow the angle, but was backed up by his Hurstville defenders who steered the ball to safety.

The second half provided a similar pattern.

In the 66th a shot from Luke Tomich from right in front saw the keeper spill the ball, but regain it just before Fabian Screpis could pounce.

Then in the 70th Ante Jusic got the ball past the Mounties' defenders and keeper, but could only sky the ball over the crossbar at close range to typify a poor performance by both sides in front of goal.

MT DRUITT had the bye

DIVISION TWO ROUND-UP RD 13

CAMDEN TIGERS took a valuable 1-0 win from **LIVERPOOL BOSSY** at Ron Dine Reserve, on Sunday, securing the points from a penalty in the 42nd minute that was put away by Simon Matthews.

A foul in the box by the visitors and the resultant penalty, brought an evenly contested game alive and set up a pulsating second half.

The two very young sides competed well throughout and most of the Camden supporters felt that it was a brilliant effort by their locals to seize the three points.

Referee Con Diomis was the man in charge and the high ranking NSL official would have been impressed with the quality of the game, as would Tigers' stand-in coach, Dave Cagney, who took over for the one game from regular first grade coach Ian Lloyd.

Almost every one of the young players in the Camden side has come through the club's youth league system and results like this justify such patience and hard work by those attached to the club.

At Bathurst Street Park **GREYSTANES** met **AUBURN STAR**, potential champions on the basis of their recent performances.

The classy Auburn Stars outfit had a hard time against the very determined Greystanes side.

Stanes' coach Mark Crittenden was quietly confident going into the game, following his side's strong

showing against Liverpool Bossy the previous week and his opinion was justified, as the Auburn team was beaten, convincingly, 2-0.

Doug Anabalon opened the scoring in the 35th minute and then was looking set to score himself in the 69th, when brought down in the box.

La Grazia converted the spot kick himself to give his side another valuable win.

PARRAMATTA CITY took full advantage of the two leading sides slipping up with a sound 3-0 win over **UNIVERSITY OF NSW** at Eric Primrose Reserve.

Goals from Lee Casha in the 26th and 43rd and another by Greg Chahroian, in the 88th, made it a very convincing win at the finish.

Uni came to Eric Primrose Res to play after 2 weeks without a game but the home team dished out a 3-0 result to stay in touch at the top.

The first was scored by Lee Casha who took advantage of a long Chris Barry throw which Uni failed to clear and the header was neatly tucked away in the 26th min.

Soon after another raid down the right this time made by 17 year old defender Andrew Oakley who crossed a perfect ball which was again met by Lee Casha's header for 2-0 half time score.

The second half was dominated by the home side and finally got a 3rd in the 88th minute from Greg Chahroian after some nice work on

the left from Chris Barry and Joe Tyler.

The home side deserved their win and with 3-4 experienced players to come back from long term injuries, things are looking up for the Blues at Parramatta.

NEPEAN ASSOCIATION met one of the competition stragglers, **MINGARA LAKERS**, in the only Saturday game last weekend and the ambitious home side was able to record a convincing 6-0 victory.

Marc Hoenselaars got the team's scoring under way in the 33rd minute and then established a two-goal cushion in the 47th.

He added a third in the 53rd and Todd McCrae made it 4-0 a minute later.

After Hoenselaars had added a fifth it was left to Matt Borg to round off the Nepean side's scoring in the 64th for a comprehensive hammering that allows Nepean to remain on course for their aim of securing promotion.

HOLY CROSS RYDE forfeited to **HAKOAH**, who consequently picked up a 3-0 win to maintain a strong position on the ladder. The ground at Holy Cross College was out of commission and the home side chose to relinquish the points rather than play at an alternative venue.

SCHOFIELDS had the bye

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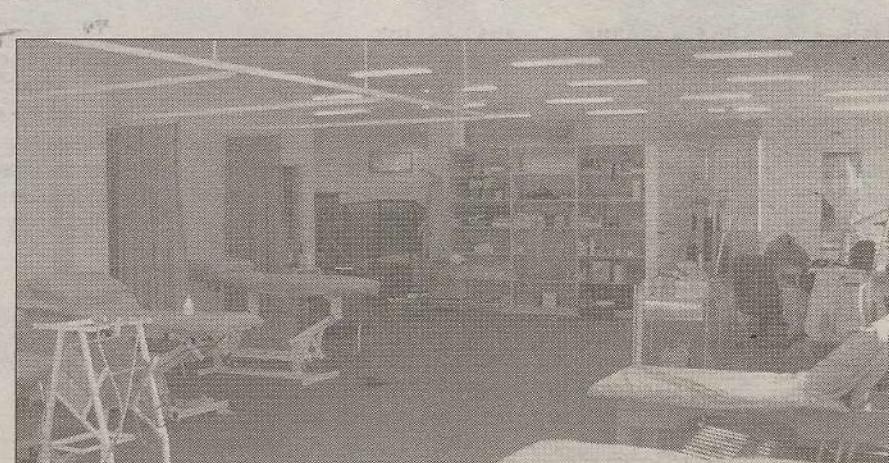
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PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE RD 15

Parramatta Eagles v Blacktown City Demons

Parramatta's insistence that player development is far more important than chasing results seems to be reaping some tremendous benefits for the Manchester United supported club as they took half the points from Northern spirit last week and then repeated the effort this week against the Demons.

The Eagles claimed the first points of the day with a 1-0 win in the 13s thanks to a goal from James Holland who controlled the ball well with his chest before turning and shooting. This game was very even throughout with both teams adopting an attacking policy and providing thrill-a-minute action at both ends of the ground.

The Demons responded immediately with a 3-0 win to Peter Denyer's 14s. Blacktown proved to be too strong in most areas of play after scooting away to a 2-0 lead after only 15 minutes courtesy of goals from Michael Nestorovski and Luke McWaide. Chris Bedzo completed the scoring to give the visitors a well deserved win. The 15s was a match of the highest quality from beginning to end and it was the Eagles who finished with the points through a 2-1 win.

David Wilson opened the scoring for the home team with a well converted penalty and then Peter Pham found an equaliser through an amazing set of circumstances. Parramatta had a corner kick but Blacktown quickly cleared the ball upfield for the Demons' striker who took care of the matter with devastating efficiency. Parramatta found the winner through a quick break that was terminated by a quality strike from Ben Gouff. The Eagles could have scored two more if Elliot Barsby had found the net instead of the frame of the goal with his solid attempts in an eye-catching performance. Blacktown's 17s continued their winning ways to square up the day with a 2-0 win in an entertaining match to finish the day. The first half produced lots of end-to-end play but no goals before the Demons rolled up their sleeves in the second stanza. Lee Newton opened the scoring as the visitors began to show their class and then Jordon Simpson added a second after the Eagles lost a player to a red card. Eagles 15s players Elliot Barsby and Geoghan O'Connor were impressive after coming off the bench for their club.



Leichhardt Tigers v Wollongong Wolves

Lambert Park was once again a very happy hunting ground for Leichhardt as they claimed seven points from the visiting Wolves. Their 13s got the club off to a sensational start with a 5-0 victory thanks to goals from Cameron Ross (2), Joubert Esbar (2) and Frank Calogno. The 14s continued the very good work with a 2-1 win, the goals coming from Daniel Carrillo and Chris Kajourakis for the home team and an Umet Essen converted penalty for the visitors. Wollongong enjoyed their first success of the day when the won the 15s 7-0

courtesy of a hat-trick from Karouna Micheal and braces from James Rey and Ben Gatwood. The 17s shared the honours with a 2-2 draw with Jeff Bosos and Mauro Kassis finding the net for the Tigers and Rick Bertakis responding with a double for the Wolves.

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE RD 15

Blacktown Association v Bonnyrigg White Eagles

Blacktown went into the day looking for at least six points from this encounter but they met a very determined White Eagles outfit who were determined to perform beyond expectations and that proved to be the case. Bonnyrigg collected the first points with a 2-1 win in the 13s. Bonnyrigg came from behind with goals from Julian Aquilera and Mitchell Dijioro after Khalil Popal had given the home team the lead just after the break.

Blacktown squared the account in the 14s when Ben de Haan's side continued their very good run in this competition with a solid 4-0 victory. Michael Gurguis found the back of the net in the 13th minute to capitalise on Blacktown's only genuine chance of the first half and then added another in the 53rd minute and Reece Iredale equalled the feat with strikes in the 37th and 44th. Luke Ruddock made an outstanding contribution to the Blacktown effort in his first match since suffering a collapsed lung.

The 15s match was fairly even but the White Eagles took full advantage of their opportunities to provide three points for their club through a 3-1 win. They scored in the 15th and 18th minutes through a Hama Bibani double and then Sam Bahtabona put them further ahead in the 60th. Bon Szyfer responded for Blacktown in the 69th.

It was pretty much one-way traffic in the 17s as Bonnyrigg coasted to a 5-0 victory with goals from Odi (3) Giovanni and Micky. Blacktown convenor Lyn Doull told ABSW that she was absolutely delighted with the performance of the three 15s who came off the bench to assist the 17s with stunning performances in a difficult match and Lyn predicts that Joel Salmon, Mitchell Rossini and Sargon Okara will have very bright futures in the game.



Bankstown City Cubs v Nepean Association

Bankstown's good form at Jensen Park continued when they took nine points from Nepean. The only good news for the visitors came from the very first game where Peter Daglis' unbeaten 13s posted a 3-0 result as a result of goals from Ben Mau (2) and Luke Harris. In addition to the goal scorers, Simon Shin and Dean Lund were absolutely outstanding for the winners.

Bankstown opened their account for the day with a 1-0 win in the 14s thanks to a strike from P. Khoury and then their 15s went on with the job and

recorded a 5-0 win with O. Saad (2), D. Frozdenovski, R. Mileski and D. Rajdovic all beating the Nepean 'keeper. Bankstown repeated the dose with another 5-0 success in the 17s courtesy of a hat-trick from R. Reyes and extras from S. Martin and Ali Hajehassan despite the best efforts of Nepean's Michael Todd and Chris Forth.

DIVISION ONE YOUTH LEAGUE RD 15

MSC Liverpool v Hurstville City Crescent Star

MSC Liverpool could not take a trick in a hard day at the office against Hurstville City. Tim Marmot scored the home club's only goal of the day in the 13s but the visitors found an equaliser for a share of the points. From that point onwards it was Hurstville's day as they posted wins in the three remaining games. The 14s were successful by the only goal of the game and then the 15s went one better with a 2-0 victory. The Hurstville 17s then secured three more points with a handy 1-0 win.

Parramatta City v Camden Tigers

Camden's Fred Mackenzie told ABSW that he was absolutely delighted with the grace and sportsmanship shown by their hosts at Eric Primrose Reserve. It seems that there were no referees present on the day so the home club provided the match officials from among their own folk.

So good were these volunteers that there was not a single whinge, gripe or complaint from the visitors on a day where they conceded more goals than any previous Youth League day but still managed to come away with ten valuable points. For the record the 13s ended in a 2-2 draw with Nick DeSilas and Dimitri Papaziforopoulos scoring for Parramatta while David Mathis and Darren Shadlow provided the goals for Camden.

From that point onward the Tigers claimed all the points but City made life difficult for them in every match. Steve Bowers' 14s won 3-1 with the goals from Nouradeen Kahn, Daniel Small and Jed Hilmi and City's goal came from Jason Sutherland.

In the 15s Trevor Davis' Tigers continued their success story with a 3-2 result. Wayde Dillon, Shane Morrison and Steve McDonald provided the winners' goals and the home club's response came from Matthew Baker and James Cornwell.



Parramatta's Michael Murdocca produced three outstanding finishes to keep the visitors on the back foot as he forced them to come from behind on three occasions before they eventually came away with a 5-3 win. Scoring for the Tigers were Chris Corbin (2), Matt Beattie, Joel Cook and Daniel Balzan.

Pictures of Michael, Jason and Cody from Division One Youth League U/14s, MSC Liverpool v Hurstville City CS.

THIS WEEK'S FIXTURES

PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE RD 16

	U13	U14	U15	U17	
Sat 15 June					
Kingswood Park	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Penrith Panthers v Manly Warringah
Brandon Park 2	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Wollongong Wolves v Southern Branch
Bates Drive	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Olympic Sharks v Parramatta Eagles
Plum Park	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Central Coast v Sydney United
Christie Park	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Northern Spirit v Marconi Stallions
Gabbie Stadium	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Blacktown City v St George
Seymour Shaw	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Sutherland Shire v Leichhardt Tigers
Sun 16 June					
Plum Park	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	4:15 PM	Central Coast v Parramatta Eagles

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE RD 16

	U13	U14	U15	U17	
Cook Park St Marys	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1:15 PM	Nepean Assoc v Canterbury M'ville
Mingara Club	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1:15 PM	Mingara Lakers v Bonnyrigg WE
Abruzzi Oval	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	AC United v Macarthur Rams
Parklands Oval	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Ku-Ring-Gai Assoc v Blacktown Assoc
Nineveh Field	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Fairfield Bulls v Newcastle United
Hensley Athletic Field	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Eastern Suburbs v Hajduk Wanderers
Oakville Reserve	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Hills United v Bankstown City

DIVISION 1 YOUTH LEAGUE RD 16

	U13	U14	U15	U17	
CSI Club	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	11:30 AM	1:15 PM	Schofields S'pions v Granville Assoc
Magdala Oval	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Stanmore Hawks v Ryde City
Cook Pk Mt Pritchard	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Mt Pritchard v Illawarra Lions
Ron Dine Reserve	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Camden Tigers v Mt Druitt Town
Camdenville Oval	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	10:00 AM	Hurstville City CS v Parramatta City
Benson's Lane	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Hawkesbury City v MSC Liverpool
Arlington Oval	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	2:45 PM	Dulwich Hill v Rockdale City

PREMIER CADET LEAGUE RD 16

	U11	U12	
Sat 15 June			
Seymour Shaw	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Sutherland Shire Sharks v Leichhardt Tigers
Plum Park	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Central Coast Coasties v Sydney United
Christie Park	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Northern Spirit v Marconi Stallions
Gabbie Stadium	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Blacktown City Demons v St George
Bates Drive	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Olympic Sharks v Parramatta Eagles
Sun 16 June			
Brandon Park 2	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Wollongong Wolves v Southern Branch YL
Kingswood Park	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Penrith Panthers v Manly Warringah Dolphins
Plum Park	9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Central Coast Coasties v Parramatta Eagles

SUPER CADET LEAGUE RD 11

	U11	U12	
Sat 15 June			
Marrickville Oval	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Canterbury Marrickville v Macarthur Rams
Sun 16 June			
Lynwood Park	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Macarthur Rams v Hajduk Wanderers
Oakville Reserve	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Hajduk Wanderers v Mingara Lakers
Serbian Centre	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Bonnyrigg White Eagles v Bankstown City Cubs
Marrickville Oval	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Canterbury Marrickville v Eastern Suburbs
Abruzzi Oval	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	AC United v Fairfield Bulls

DIVISION 1 CADET LEAGUE RD 11

	U11	U12	
Sun 16 June			
Popondetta Park	8:45 AM	9:45 AM	Mt Druitt Town v Camden Tigers
Magdala Oval	8:45 AM	9:45 AM	Ryde City v Hawkesbury City
Macedonia Field	8:45 AM	9:45 AM	Illawarra Lions v Stannmore Hawks
St George Stadium</			



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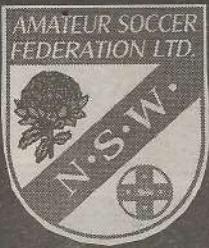
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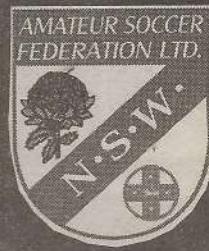


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AMATEURS BOARD RECOMMENDS PAYING SOCCER AUSTRALIA LEVY

Soccer Australia has invoiced all State Federations, including NSWASF.

NSWASF agreed last January to deal with the levy, subject to the production of a Business Plan and a forward financial statement which clearly and unequivocally set out that Soccer Australia is in good health and has purged itself of past mismanagement practices.

"On our recommendation, most Associations collected the levy increase and are holding it in trust pending a vote that the above conditions have been met", Amateur chairman Mr

Jim Forrest stated yesterday.

"A 55-page Business Plan was circulated to all state federations several weeks ago. In our view, it provides required evidence that Soccer Australia's house is well on the way to being put in order. But the financials were less clear at that stage."

"Ten days ago, I was briefed by the Chairman, acting-CEO, and solicitor (the managing-partner of Deacons) on the current situation, including IEC," said the NSWASF chairman. "IEC has repudiated its right to extend its market control, over the NSL - a vital part of the farm

has been recovered.

Soccer Australia's Balance Sheet bottom line has been reduced from \$10-11m down to \$4m." "Various other funding has eventuated, including from the Australian Sports Commission an advance of the full \$2.3m available."

"However, rather than pass this information on to our Board myself", Mr Forrest continued, "I asked acting-CEO Greg Bates to himself talk to the NSWASF Board about all this at our last meeting. We were given a detailed and comprehensive briefing, but some of this must remain confidential because of

legal manoeuvring re the court case brought on by IEC.

On the basis of the evidence provided, and questioned at length by various Board members, your Board is now convinced (i) that Soccer Australia is solvent, and will remain so, and (ii) that IEC does not have a case for more than some thousands of dollars, if that".

"On that evidence, which we are currently writing up in as much detail as possible, the NSWASF Board unanimously resolved to recommend to our members that the National Registration Fee increase (the original \$2.20 has already been paid over) be paid to Soccer Australia. We are calling a General Meeting for about the end of June to vote on

this recommendation", the chairman concluded.

"All this was reported in the Board minutes of our meeting last Saturday. On the basis of the evidence provided as required by our members, Soccer Australia has every reason, in the carefully considered view of your Board, to believe that the NRF will in fact be paid by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation.

As to why we should bother in any event,

I've recently commented on this - do we want a national body or not, and do we want an international presence for Australian soccer, or not?

I believe, and your entire Board believes, that the overwhelming majority of us do want these things".

TEAM OF THE WEEK

PITTWATER RSL - Under 10/6'S

At the start of the year Pittwater RSL Soccer Club went through the grading session for 10 year olds and ended up with 5 teams. Some players had come along from other clubs and at the completion of grading, they had an under 10 Division 6 side who were made up mostly of boys, but they did have three girls in the team.

One girl complained that she was a Division 1 player and after further discussions, she remained with the team. All heads were held low as they did not know what to expect and to top it off they had no Coach. Thankfully a volunteer came to the rescue, a woman who plays and coaches an under 6 side, and now also Coaches the 10/6's.

Off they went into the season, lost a few games at the start, then, along came a draw with the top team, then another win, then they were short.

"What do we do?" So they borrowed three under 9's and to their surprise, they went out with all guns blazing and won 10 - 1. Pittwater RSL Club President, Peter Symonds tells us that last week they had yet another win.

Peter says he is so proud to see the absolute sparkle in their eyes now when he asks them how they are going. They are now about 5th. Good luck everyone in the 10/6's and well done.

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CUP REPORTS

(GROUP D-E)



USA ALL THE WAY

USA
PORTUGAL

By Daniel Kuziow

The United States of America confounded many critics as they pulled off a remarkable three goals to two upset victory over a highly fancied Portuguese side, in the second match of Group D at Suwon.

Bruce Arena's United States side pulled off one of their greatest ever wins as they resisted second half pressure from Portugal to close out a narrow victory that at one stage looked comfortable. Their three goals were equal to their 1994 finals total and more than they achieved

in both Italy 90 and France 98.

The United States dominated from the outset and took the lead very early on. A John O'Brien goal inside the opening four minutes of play was just reward for the current Gold Cup holders. An Ernie Stewart free-kick was deflected behind and from the resulting O'Brien smashed a left foot volley past three floored Portuguese players when Vitor Baia had parried away a Brian McBride attempt.

Just minutes later Baia poorly punched away Ernie Stewart's free kick, but as the ball rolled across the open goal, no American could take advantage. Eddie

Pope got to it too late to do anything but hit it into the side-netting.

The US went two-up on the half-hour mark when a wickedly deflected Landon Donovan shot deflected off the head of Portuguese defender Jorge Costa and past a standard Baia. Five minutes later McBride scored what would be the winner after connecting to a perfectly directed Eddie Pope cross.

It was perhaps the goal of the match as the diminutive midfielder fed a perfect cross from the right touchline, that was met brilliantly by a McBride who directed his header past the reach of Baia



The USA's John O'Brien fires past three Portuguese players for his sides opening goal.

and into the left-hand side of the goal.

But Beto gave the Portuguese some hope when his header at a corner was cleared straight to his feet for the defender to drive in hard and high.

On 71 minutes, an American own goal gave the Portuguese a glimmer of hope.

The previously excellent Jeff Agoos mishit a volleyed clearance into his own net from a Pauleta cross and while Portugal went on to chase the game, the US held on for a memorable victory.

IRISH SPIRIT ALIVE AS KEANE ROB'S GERMANY

GERMANY | **1**
REP. OF IRELAND | **1**

By Ben Moring

Robbie Keane's dramatic 93rd minute equalizer kept Irish hopes of advancing to the next round alive at the expense of World Cup powerhouse Germany.

The Leeds United striker derailed the charge of the three-time champions, who opened the scoring in the 19th minute through golden boy Miroslav Klose, his fourth of the campaign.

The efficient German's held their lead for over 70 minutes, but fell narrowly short of advancing to the 2nd round.

Klose and his strike-partner Carsten Jancker were troublesome for the Irish defence all night. Whilst Damien Duff battled his way and produced some flashes of real class, alongside Robbie Keane whose never-say-die attitude was ultimately rewarded.

Indeed, Duff indicated that this was not going to be a romp for the confident German's, who brushed aside Saudi Arabia, when he intercepted a pass, beat one player and bore down upon goal with pace.

The first dangerous moment upon either defence came in the 9th minute. Powerful Carsten Jancker's header tested Shay Given in Ireland's goal, following Torsten Frings wide delivery.

Miroslav Klose then opened the scoring ten minutes later, his fourth header of the tournament. Michael Ballack crossed from the left side and Klose was on-hand to nod past a

napping at the back. Jancker broke free of the defence and into the area. Good keeping from Given narrowed the angle and Jancker's chip bounced wide.

Germany started to really search for the goal that would ensure their passage through to the knock-out stages of this World Cup. Frings made it into the box and sent a lovely clipped pass onto Klose's head, but for once the header sailed over the bar.

In a frantic finale, Kahn saved at the feet of Keane after a footrace for the ball in the box. A through ball held up nicely and Keane won the race, but his toed effort was easily held by Germany's captain in the 84th minute.

It looked a lost cause for Ireland following that vital save, but football often produces a sting-in-the-tail as the German's found out. Substitute Niall Quinn's pass was expertly controlled by a rampaging Keane and he made no mistake from close range, the ball rebounding off Kahn and the inside of the right post before resting in the goal.



Germany's Carsten Jancker is floored by his Irish opponent.

ETO'O STRIKE CONDEMS SAUDI ARABIA TO WORLD CUP ELIMINATION

CAMEROON | **1**
SAUDI ARABIA | **0**

Saudi Arabia went out of the tournament, losing 1-0 against the more favoured Cameroon, but produced a dogged display and won many admirers on the day.

Samuel Eto'o was the match winner for the Indomitable Lions, latching on to a fine long-ball in the 65th minute, drawing Saudi keeper Mohammed Al Deayea off his line and then finishing with the outside of his right foot.

Saudi Arabia were given little hope against the African champions, losing their opening match 8-0 against Germany. However, the heart displayed was admirable and Nafaw Al Temyat sent eight shots at Cameroon's keeper Boukar Alioum.

Cameroon starting the match looking confident, but the Saudi's looked much more organised and actually managed to carve out the first decent chance of the match.

Abdullah Alwaked Al Shahrani spotted Obaid Al Dosari's run into the box in the 9th minute and sent a nice cross that was headed over.

This stirred Cameroon into action, Patrick Mboma had the ball in the back of the net three minutes later, dribbling around Al Deayea and slotting home into a vacant net, but the effort was ruled out for off-side.

The match turned into a bit of a scrap hereafter, premium chances hard to come by, both keepers not tested often.

Saudi Arabia were dealt a blow, Al Dosari forced to leave the field with an apparent knee injury after chasing down a Cameroon defender

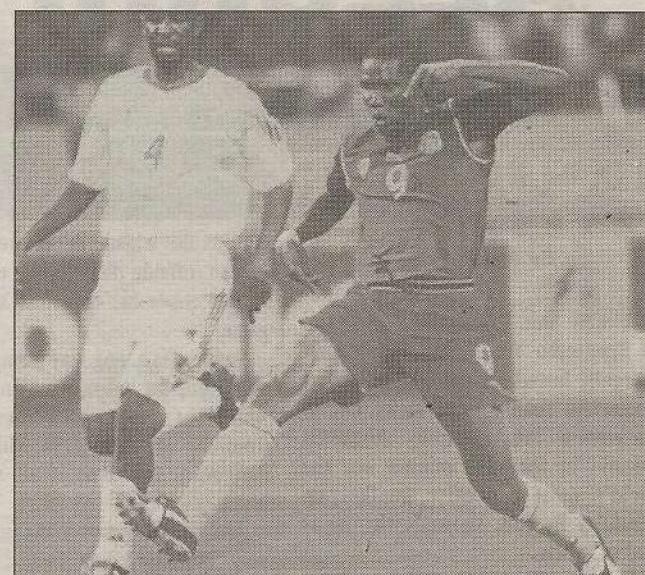
shot was drilled high and wide.

Saudi Arabia then had a great opportunity to score their first goal of the tournament eight minutes later. Al Temyat sprinted into the opposition half, held off his marker and sent a low strike at goal, which Alioum held onto low to his left.

The opening goal came courtesy of the exciting Eto'o in the 65th, a long-ball played in from the right, Eto'o drawing the keeper after latching onto the pass and rolling his effort under the advancing Al Deayea.

The Saudi's were facing elimination and sent on Abdullah Gaman Al Dosary, the player walked on and hit a dangerous free kick from 21 yards that was deflected at the last moment and wide.

Saudi Arabia looked hard for the goal that would give them a life-line, but it was Cameroon who sat back in numbers and hit on the counter and in truth, created the better chances.



Samuel Eto'o fires home Cameroon's winner,



CUP REPORTS (GROUP F-G)



ALL IS FORGOTTEN AS BECKHAM PENELTY SINKS ARGENTINA

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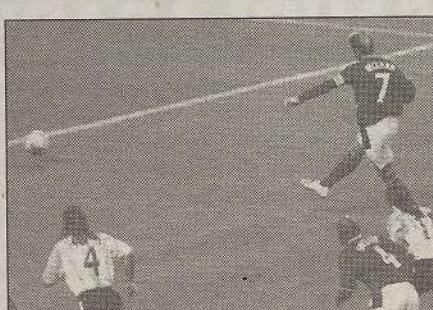
England boosted their World Cup prospects with a 1-0 victory over Argentina at Sapporo. David Beckham's penalty in the 44th minute was enough to separate the two sides in what was the best game of this group so far.

England's start was not good as Owen Hargreaves was injured in virtually the first tackle of the match. He struggled on for twenty minutes before finally being replaced by Trevor Sinclair. For those football historians the signs were right for England - they were playing in red and there was a West Ham player on the pitch a la 1966. Ironically enough that was the last World Cup campaign they have actually defeated Argentina in.

Argentina gained the upper hand but Zanetti's shot went straight to Seaman and then Kily Gonzalez was free in the area but his shot went wide. The following twenty minutes were not pleasant as foul after foul saw free kick after free kick. During that period both Simeone and Cole picked up yellow cards.

In the 23rd minute Michael Owen ran onto a long ball from Nicky Butt. Owen ran slightly away from the target and then hit the ball through the legs of Samuel and past Cavallero but it hit the base of the far post and went clear. Two minutes later and Batistuta lost Campbell in the area and put a header to Gonzalez's cross only for it to go straight into Seaman's arms.

Michael Owen was causing problems up front and nearly played Butt into a great position but his cross was just cut out. Adding to the problems for the blue and white defenders Trevor Sinclair was making great runs down the left. On the half hour a cross from the right for Argentina saw Sorin just miss with his header. Instead the ball went past everyone except Gonzalez on the far post and he volleyed magnificently but just over the target. That first 30 minutes saw Argentina gained 54% of the possession. Both teams however were tackling well and the pressure from the sides was all over the park causing much easy give-



David Beckham fires home England's penalty.

aways of possession. Around the 39th minute a Beckham challenge on Gonzalez meant the Argentinean player was off the park for three minutes but as when Hargreaves was off early in the match the side with 11 men could not capitalize on their one man advantage. Just before half time Sinclair made another great run down the left and Scholes set up England for an attack on goal. The ball fell to Michael Owen in the area and he tried to drag the ball onto the inside but was fouled by Pochettino and referee Collina pointed to the spot. In the 44th minute David Beckham hit the ball straight but with a lot of power to put England in the driving seat for the second half. The half was not quite over and England had to see off a Veron corner but Rio Ferdinand and Ashley Cole combined to see the danger off. For Veron it would be his last involvement in the match as he was replaced by Aimar at half time. As the players went off at half time Diego Simeone patted David Beckham on the back, a great sign that the past between the two has long been put behind them.

Aimar's introduction almost produced instant dividends but his shot went straight to Seaman in the England goal. Michael Owen then should have done better with an effort, his pace having gotten him around the defence. In the 50th minute Owen stumbled over the ball in the area but the ball fell to Heskey who fired the ball towards goal but it struck the Argentinean defenders. The ball was only half cleared though and Paul Scholes' pile driver was punched away by Cavallero. It went straight at him for if it hadn't then it would surely have been a change in the scoreline.

Argentina were starting to get restricted to long range efforts but Batistuta's went well wide. Ten minutes into the second half and Heskey, having just picked up a yellow card, was injured and replaced

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LARSSON DOUBLE SENDS NIGERIA PACKING

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Nigeria's World Cup ambitions were left in tatters after Sweden defeated the African nation 2-1 despite the first goal going against the European team. It was the second game in a row Sweden have gone behind and managed to get something out of the match, but this time it was the full points.

The match started with neither side settling and the first half was not one that will stay in the memory for long. In the third minute Henrik Larsson played the ball through to Allback but his shot was deflected and went inches wide. In fact the opening minutes were all Sweden but their shots were not on target. Anders Svensson made a run into the area on the tenth minute but once more his shot is not on target. Nigeria got the ball and quickly moved to the other end of the field but Hedman cuts out the danger by taking the cross. Okocha then sets up Babayaro but the Chelsea player could not control the ball for a shot.

For about ten minutes Okocha became very involved, just firing a shot over the bar and almost putting his striker through on goal with a great long pass. Mjallby's header from a corner was cleared off the line by Justice of Nigeria. In the 27th minute Yobo put in a long cross from the right and Aghahowa headed home after both defenders let him go and he got in front of the advancing Magnus Hedman. His post goal celebration was nearly as good as the goal, what gymnastic ability!

Six minute later Svensson ran onto goal was blocked by Yobo. However success was soon to come Sweden's way. Ljungberg's pass found Larsson and he showed all his

skills in beating off the defence and then sliding the ball past the Nigerian goalkeeper. Nigeria's Okocha was still causing problems but his 40th minute effort seemed harmless enough. That was until Lucie's clearance smashed into Mjallby and the ball hit the post. It would have been one of the own goals of all time! At half time it was 1-1.

Taribo West got an injury early in the second half and came off for a while but was back on the pitch to his side go behind. Henrik Larsson was looking dangerous in the area and would surely have scored had he not been felled in the area by Udeze. Despite Shorunmu getting a hand to the ball, Larsson's penalty was suc-

cessful and Sweden had the lead they would maintain until the end. Certainly Sweden seemed comfortable enough with that scoreline and went back into their shell a bit. Nigeria did not really wake up to the reality of the scoreline until the 77th minute when West's header went close.

Then within the space of a couple of minutes both Utaka and Yobo went close to equalizing for the Nigerians. Utaka had rounded Hedman but his shot was scrappy and well cleared of the line by Mjallby. Then a minute later Yobo saw his shot come back off the post, having beaten Hedman well. Their final chance fell to substitute Kanu who tried to chip Hedman from 20 metres but failed to get it over his outstretched arms.

So after two defeats Nigeria are out of the World Cup and the so-called group of death has its first victim. One down, one to go.



Sweden's goalscoring hero Henrik Larsson slides through the challenges of Isaac Okoronko and Ifeanyi Udeze.

VIERI SHINES IN AZZURRI'S WIN

ITALY

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ECUADOR

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By Joe Russo

It was the Christian Vieri and Francesco Totti show but it only really lasted for the first half. The Azzurri in reality were lucky not to concede a late goal to Augustin Delgado in the 89th minute but the world's most expensive goalkeeper, Gianluigi Buffon, showed why he is paid so much.

The normally reliable Italian defence had broken the golden rule and didn't

play to the whistle. They were waiting for an offside that never eventuated. Buffon made his only real save of the game.

Sapporo is a long way from Italy but it didn't stop the Italians enjoying the game which was beamed back live at 1.30pm; from the law courts in Milan to the Parliament in Rome it all stopped to watch.

And what they saw in the first half was very impressive. In fact it could be argued that it was the most comprehen-

sive and convincing 45 minutes to date in the tournament.

However, it seemed that Italy were happy to protect the 2-0 lead and sat back on their laurels just happy for the American referee to blow fulltime.

In the 6th minute it was Totti who set up Vieri but his shot was well blocked by the Ecuadorian goalkeeper. 30 seconds later and Italy were in the lead.

Totti pulled one back from the by-line and Vieri with a blistering shot blasted home. The hero of France 98 was back to

pick up the pieces four years later.

In the 10th minute an audacious half-volley from Totti from long range was turned into the corner by the keeper. It was an equally outrageous shot by the Roma playmaker in the 33rd minute that once again tested the Ecuadorian keeper.

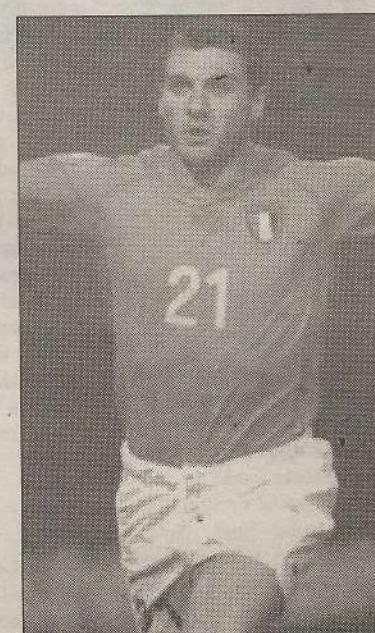
Italy's second goal arrived was from a counter attack in the 26th minute; a long ball forward found Vieri and he bullied his way past the defender and keeper to score. The former Sydney resident was back on the world stage bigger than ever.

In the second half Cristiano Doni hit the crossbar in 56th minute from a corner but his foot was so high that the keeper had to duck for cover. For the referee it was all fine and it could well have been Italy's third.

Alessandro Del Piero replaced Totti in the 73rd minute but the little Juventus striker was a sad and sorry sight. As always at international level his passes were astray and his commitment seemed fairly poor.

Italy went through the motions until the end counting down the clock until they headed into the change rooms. Ecuador showed enough in the second

half to indicate that they will be no pushovers for Mexico and Croatia later on.



Italy's Christian Vieri celebrates after scoring his second goal against Ecuador.



CUP REPORTS (GROUP G)



MEXICANS TASTE SUCCESS AT THE EXPENSE OF CROATIA

MEXICO CROATIA

By Joe Russo

The opening Group G game between Mexico and Croatia never rose to any real great heights but in the end the team that dominated possession got the result they deserved.

Played at the beautiful Niigata Stadium on a very hot afternoon, it seemed that heat was taking its toll on both sides. However, in the 60th minute a late challenge by Boris

Zivkovic on Cuauhtemoc Blanco in the penalty area changed the game.

Blanco, who was the best player in the game, took the spot kick himself and he blasted past the hapless Stipe Pletikosa in goal.

Zivkovic for his part was sent off for the challenge that the Chinese referee correctly adjudicated to have prevented a goal-scoring opportunity.

Mexico were the better team and had 62% of the possession. It was a tradesman like performance by the

Central American team that wore down Croatia.

There was an Australian touch in Josip Simunic in Croatia's team. The player that once played in the NSL for Melbourne Knights, and who benefited from an AIS Australian taxpayer funded scholarship, showed what a talent Australia has lost.

Simunic created havoc as early as the 5th minute when he latched on to a free kick but the Mexican keeper Oscar Perez turned his header away

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for a corner.

It was Simunic in the 90th minute that almost equalised for Croatia but Perez once again turned his blast from close range away onto the side netting.

Croatia may well regret the negative tactics of coach Mirko Jozic, as their only real hope of scoring seemed to be from set pieces. They won the corner count 11-3.

Mexico on the other hand were not really great either and against better quality opposition they may well find themselves out of their depth. Their final group game against Italy next week will be the true indication of their capabilities.



Mexican star Cuauhtemoc Blanco tussles with Croatian defender Boris Zivkovic.

ITALIANS UPSTAGED IN THRILLER AT IBARAKI

CROATIA ITALY

By Joe Russo

Ibaraki in Japan is the latest place to be home of another Italian nightmare. The Azzurri suffered their first World Cup loss since USA 94 when they lost 1-0 to Ireland in New Jersey.

Italy can justifiably feel aggrieved by some terrible decisions by the referee's assistant (linesman), which ultimately may have a big impact on who qualifies for the next round.

The unknown Canadian is sure to have made a name for himself but for the wrong reasons. "They are village referees," is how Italian star Christian Vieri described them later.

Two goals that were legitimate were not given. Croatia, despite some good play of their own, would nevertheless be the first team to admit that they were lucky.

Croatia, who couldn't get out first gear against Mexico, really played a different game against Italy. They dominated the first half and after equalising in the 72nd minute started to take control.

If Italy are going to go further in this tournament they cannot afford to slip up again in their next fixture against Mexico. Furthermore, as one of the tournament favourites, they really need to be able to put away teams such as Croatia if they are to justify the high expectations.

Croatia may have perhaps played their World Cup in this game. Coach Mirko Jozic did his homework and his tactics paid off.

Pressure on Francesco Totti was the key and the Roma sensation was not given any room.

Italy's only chance in the first half fell to Cristiano Doni but Croatia had several near misses. The best was in the 25th minute when a Davor Vugrinec shot was parried by keeper Gianluigi Buffon and Marco Materazzi cleared off the line for Italy.

In the second half in the 49th minute Vieri scored the first of Italy's disallowed goals. Clearly on side, the Canadian linesman saw differently.

It was in the 55th minute that Vieri scored his third World Cup goal in this tournament. He clearly out-jumped former Australian Joe Simunic to latch onto a Doni cross and score.

Croatia equalised in the 72nd

minute with Ivica Olic who slipped behind three Italian defenders to score from a Robert Jarni cross.

Croatia then took control and four minutes later Milan Rapajic turned beautifully on the edge of the area and the ball ended up in the top right hand corner of the net. It was 2-1 and Italy had let the game slip away.

However, the most controversial moment of Korea/Japan 2002 so far took place in the 91st minute. A long ball forward by Materazzi from inside his own half beat everyone and trickled into the net. The same linesman ruled that Filippo Inzaghi held Olic back but if anything the opposite had occurred.

It was over much to everyone's surprise and if ever there was a valid argument for video replays for certain incidents, then this was it. In the era of the greatest available technology soccer officialdom continues to bury their heads in the sand.



Ivica Olic scores Croatia's first goal in their stunning 2-1 win over Italy.

MEXICANS MOVE THROUGH AS ECUADOR WAVE GOODBYE

MEXICO ECUADOR

By Joe Russo

The Group G 'Latin derby' in Miyagi (Japan) between Mexico and Ecuador ensured that the next round of matches on Thursday in this Group will decide which two teams go through to the next phase of Korea/Japan.

However, the only certainty is that Mexico are in the box seat with two wins, while Ecuador are virtually gone but mathematically there is still a very slim chance for them.

Mexico deserved to win but had to sweat it out right up until the very end. Ecuador paid the price for negative tactics after taking an early lead.

Ecuador opened the scoring in the 4th minute when Ulises De La Cruz crossed from the right and Agustin Delgado, with a very powerful header, managed to beat the Mexican keeper Oscar Perez who got a hand to it.

The Ecuadorians seemed content to defend from then in the first half and paid the penalty. Mexico were the better team after the initial shock of conceding a goal.

In the 27th minute Mexico equalised. Jared Borgetti beautifully flicked on a Ramon Morales cross and the

Mexicans had the goal they deserved.

Twice before half time Cuauhtemoc Blanco had further chances for Mexico. On both occasions Ecuadorian keeper Jose Cevallos denied him.

In the second half in the 56th minute Mexico scored their second goal. It was a cracking shot from Gerardo Torrado, perhaps the best player on the field, from outside the area that



Jared Borgetti scores Mexico's first goal in their thrilling 2-1 win over Ecuador.



CUP REPORTS

(GROUP H)



BELGIUM SNATCHES VITAL DRAW WITH JAPAN

**BELGIUM
JAPAN**

By Con Tagaroulias

In possibly the most evenly matched (by World Rankings) group of the World Cup, co-hosts Japan (ranked 11) had to contend with meeting group favourites Belgium (ranked 23) in itama.

Despite being described as "the least worthy automatic host qualifier in the history of the World Cup" by 2002 World Cup program, Japan and 55,000 eager supporters were determined to show the world that

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Asian football was on the ascendancy.

The opening exchanges were cautious from both sides, with the only player providing any threat to his opponents being Hidetoshi Nakata who managed to draw a foul in a wide attacking position in the 5th minute.

The Belgian players were happy to sit back and wait patiently for opportunities to counter attack. In the 23rd minute the Japanese players lost possession and were nearly caught out by a Bart Goor chip into the box that just to find Gert Verheyen.

In the 36th minute the Japanese created their only shot of the half when Atsushi Yanagisawa headed back for Hidetoshi Nakata to shoot well over Geert De Vlieger's goal.

Despite dominating possession in the first half the majority of chances fell to Japan's opponent, Belgium.

The first goal came in the 56th minute after a foul by Kazuyuki Toda. Jacky Peeters sent the ball into the box. The Japanese defence failed to clear the area on two occasions before a Belgian lob found

Marc Wilmonts whose spectacular bicycle kick silenced the Japanese crowd.

Five minutes later the Japanese crowd was sent into raptures when a long ball to Takayuki Suzuki caught the Belgian defence square. Suzuki stretched at pace to toe poke the ball passed Geert De Vlieger.

The Japanese were relentless with countless attacks as Nippon attacked the Belgian side from every avenue.

Japan's patience finally paid off when Junichi Inamoto drilled the ball past the Belgian keeper after beating a defender, and sending the home side into the lead.

In the 71st minute the Brazilian born Alex sent Hiroaki Morishima into the box with an excellent pass from midfield. Morishima failed to seal a first World Cup victory for Japan.

In the 75th minute Peter Van Der Heyden found himself in the area, behind the Japanese defence, and a bouncing ball in front of him. He lobbed the ball over an advancing Japanese keeper making the score line 2-2.

The end of the match was marred when Costa Rican referee, William Vega, penalised Junichi Inamoto for a foul on a Belgian defender. Inamoto seemed to win



The goal that didn't count: Inamoto's effort was disallowed.

the ball fairly before dancing around another defender and slotting the ball past a despairing Geert De Vlieger.

Although Belgium had the better of the first half Japan dominated the second.

The goal by Marc Wilmonts seemed to create the daring for inventive play that Japan lacked in the first half. They looked for and found their strikers with crisp passing, converting the dominance in possession into strikes on goal.

RUSSIA PROVE TOO STRONG FOR THE TUNISIANS

**RUSSIA
TUNISIA**

By Con Tagaroulias

The inconsistent Russians were up against the Tunisians who were unable to find sufficient funds to rearm the team with a full complement of warm up matches.

Alexandr Mostovoi of Celta Vigo and Alexei Smertin of Bordeaux were absent through injury, creating a vacuum in a team whose mixed fortunes could do without instability.

The first chance for the three time finals visitors, Tunisia, fell to Adel Sellimi, who stretched in an effort to deflect a team mates shot into the Russian net. Alas he failed to make a solid contact.

A spectacular 15th minute effort by Ruslan Pimenov resulted in Ali Boumnejel gathering the overhead scissor kick comfortably.

The first piece of Tunisian creativity occurred in the 21st minute when Slim Ben Achour played a pass between two defenders to Hassen Gabsi. The defenders collided with each other requiring Ruslan Nigmatullin to defuse the danger.

Toward the end of the half the Tunisian custodian nearly self destructed when lashing out at Vladimir Beschasyukh for challenging for a ball he was entitled to head. The match official did not punish Ali Boumnejel for his loss of rational thought.

The half finished with Valery Karpin finding Egor Titov who was unable to convert the Russian dominance into a goal.

In the 51st minute the Russians nearly paid dearly for their lack of

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finishing despite massive possession when Slim Ben Achour shot from 25 meters finding the side netting.

This was followed two minutes later by Hassen Gabsi, who exposed Viktor Onopko's lack of pace delivering a cross that was intercepted by a Russian defender.

In the 59th minute Ali Boumnejel capped off a night to forget when he threw the ball to a teammate under pressure on the edge of the box. The ball bounced for Egor Titov who shot from 18 meters low and to the Tunisian keepers right making the score 1-0.

The continued pressure by the Russians again paid dividends three minutes later when Dmitri Sychev was bought down from

behind in the Tunisian box by Radhi Jaidi. The penalty was hammered low and to the keepers right by Valery Karpin but not before sending him to the left.

Tunisia's best opportunity fell to Zoubeir Baya who volleyed from 12 meters into a Russian defender. The ball deflected to Ziad Jaziri to the left of Nigmatullin's goal whose turn and shot failed to hit the target.

Chances fell to both teams in the remainder of the match. The Russians displayed a distinct lack of disciplined marking that may be exposed by more efficient attacks in later matches.

The most polished performer was Valery Karpin whose La Liga experience was evident. He was ably assisted by Egor Titov. Vladimir Beschasyukh ran tirelessly in the first half creating havoc in the Tunisian defence, drawing several fouls.

INAMOTO SECURES FIRST WORLD CUP VICTORY

**JAPAN
RUSSIA**

By Con Tagaroulias

The comeback by the home side (Japan), in its previous match against Belgium, ensured this encounter had most commentators guessing. To become the first through to the next round from group H, the Russian's, would need to shed its inconsistent qualifying form.

Phillipe Troussier replaced the injured Ryuzo Morioka with Tsuneyasu Miyamoto and added Tomokazu Myojin for Daisuke Ichikawa in midfield.

Oleg Romanstev included Alexei Smertin for Vladimir Beschasyukh.

The pace of the Japanese was a feature of the first minutes of the game. The

Russian response in the opening minutes included fouls on Takayuki Suzuki, Junichi Inamoto & Hidetoshi Nakata.

Despite the volume of possession enjoyed by the Japanese, their European opponents managed to create the best chance of the first half when striker Egor Titov played a defence splitting pass between Matsuda and Miyamoto. The pass required some bravery on the part of Seign Narasaki to intercept the ball before Ruslan Pimenov got to the ball.

In the 34th minute a foul by Yuri Nikiforov on Takayuki Suzuki led to a wasted set piece that was hammered over the bar by Shinji Ono.

At half time, the Spartak

ball into the side netting from a headed flick by Sychev.

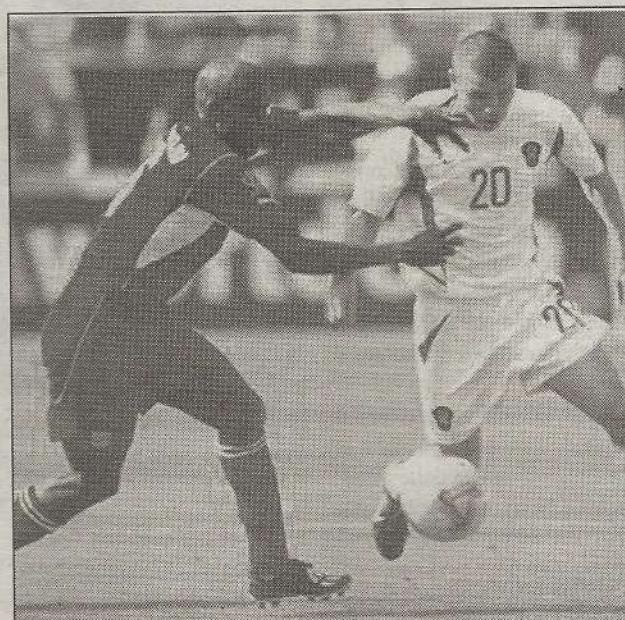
In the next play Vladimir Beschasyukh headed down for Dmitri Sychev to volley on target however failing to exert the Japanese custodian.

A minute later Shinji Ono played a moving Hidetoshi Nakata a pass on the half way mark. The Parma dynamo took the ball in his stride and unleashed a dipping shot from 32 meters that rattled the Russian cross bar.

The Russians continued to try and break the last Japanese line but failed to take advantage of a wealth of second half possession. An 83rd minute strike that failed to inspire by Dmitri Sychev best they could manage in the closing stages of the game.

Further long-range efforts were only interrupted by a Japanese change of personnel when goal scorer and walking headline Junichi Inamoto was replaced by Takashi Fukunishi.

For Japan the usual suspects Junichi Inamoto and Hidetoshi Nakata were on song however were assisted by some consistent home bias by the match officials.



Russian Star Marat Izmailov on the attack against the Tunisians.



Japanese Star Junichi Inamoto strikes Japan's only goal in their historic one-nil win over Russia.



WORLD CUP STATS



SENEGAL

The tallest player: Bouba Diop Pape (Lens, France) 193 sm
 The shortest player: Camara Souleymane (Monaco, France) 174 sm
 The heaviest player: Bouba Diop Pape (Lens, France) 88 kg
 The lightest player: Ndiaye Makhtar (Rennes, France) 65 kg
 The most capped player: Diallo Omar (Sochaux, France) 42
 The youngest player: Camara Souleymane (Monaco, France) 19y, 5i, 10d
 The oldest player: Traore Amara (Gueugnon, France) 21y, 8i, 5d
 FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 21, MOROCCAN - BASED PLAYERS 1,
 SENEGALESE - BASED PLAYERS 1

FRANCE

The tallest player: Vieira Patrick (Arsenal, England) 192 sm
 The shortest player: Makélé Claude (Real, Spain) 174 sm
 The heaviest player: Rame Ulrich (Bordeaux, France) 85 kg
 The lightest player: Lizarazu Bixente (Bayern, Germany) 72 kg
 The most capped players: Desailly Marcel (Chelsea, England) 93
 The youngest player: Cisse Dibril (Auxerre, France) 20y, 9m, 19d
 The oldest player: Djorkaeff Jean (Bolton, England) 34y, 2m, 24d
 ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 8, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 3, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 5, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 2, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 5

URUGUAY

The tallest player: Morales Richard (Nacional, Uruguay) 197 sm
 The shortest player: Olave Nicolas (Seville, Spain) 166 sm
 The heaviest player: Morales Richard (Nacional, Uruguay) 90 kg
 The lightest player: Olave Nicolas (Seville, Spain) 66 kg
 The most capped player: Montero Paolo (Juventus, Italy) - 45
 The youngest player: Bizerio Joe (Penarol) 22y, 14d
 The oldest player: Méndez Gustavo (Nacional) 31y, 3i, 28d
 URUGUAYAN - BASED PLAYERS 8, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 8, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 5, MEXICAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 1

DENMARK

The tallest player: Christiansen Jesper (Rangers, Scotland) 192sm
 The shortest player: Heinze Jan (PSV, Netherlands) 170 sm
 The heaviest player: Kjaer Peter (Aberdeen, Scotland) 88kg
 The lightest player: Heinze Jan (PSV, Netherlands) 63 kg
 The most capped player: Heinze Jan (PSV, Netherlands) 83
 The youngest player: Poulsen Christian (FC Copenhagen) 22y, 3i, 3d
 The oldest player: Heinze Jan (PSV Netherlands) 38y, 9i, 15d
 ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 6, SCOTTISH - BASED PLAYERS 3, GREEK - BASED PLAYERS 2, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 3, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 5, NORWEGIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, SWEDISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, DANISH - BASED PLAYERS 1

TUNISIA

The tallest player: Jaidi Radhi (Esperance, Tunisia) 192 sm
 The shortest player: Ben Achour Slim (Martigues, France) 170 sm
 The heaviest player: Jaidi Radhi (Esperance, Tunisia) 89 kg
 The lightest player: Mhedhebi Imed (Genoa, Italy) 69 kg
 The most efficient player: Baya Zoubir (Besiktas, Turkey) 18
 The most capped player: Baya Zoubir (Besiktas, Turkey) 77
 The youngest player: Zitouni Ali (Esperance, Tunisia) 21y, 4m, 20d
 The oldest player: Boumnejel Ali (Bastia, France) 36y, 1m, 18d
 FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 16, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 4, TURKISH - BASED PLAYERS 2, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 3.

SPAIN

The tallest player: Nadal Miguel Angel (Mallorca, Spain), Hierro Fernando (Real, Spain), Ricardo (Valladolid, Spain) 187 sm
 The shortest player: Mendieta Gorka (Lazio, Italy) 173 sm
 The heaviest player: Ricardo (Valladolid, Spain) 87 kg
 The lightest player: Valeron Juan (Deportivo, Spain) 71 kg
 The most capped player: Hierro Fernando (Real, Madrid) 85
 The youngest player: Casillas Iker (Real, Spain) 21y, 11d
 The oldest player: Nadal Miguel Angel (Mallorca, Spain) 35y, 10m, 4d
 SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 22, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1.

SLOVENIA

The tallest player: Dobanovic Mladen (Lokomotiv, Belgrade) 196 sm
 The shortest player: Novak Dzoni (Unterhaching, Germany) 172 sm
 The heaviest player: Dobanovic Mladen (Lokomotiv, Belgrade) 94 kg
 The lightest player: Galic Marinko (Slovenia), Redman Mladen (Portsmouth, England), Novak Dzoni (Unterhaching, Germany) 73 kg
 The average weight of the players: 78,69
 The youngest player: Simčević Marko (Maribor, Slovenia) 22 y
 The oldest player: Simčević Marko (Maribor, Slovenia) 34 y
 SLOVENIAN - BASED PLAYERS 6, BELGIUM - BASED PLAYERS 4, CZECH REPUBLIC - BASED PLAYERS 1, JAPANESE - BASED PLAYERS 1, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 4, AUSTRIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, PORTUGUESE - BASED PLAYERS 2, AUSTRIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, ISRAELI - BASED PLAYERS 1, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1

PARAGUAY

The tallest player: Chilavert Jose Luis (Strasbourg, France) 194 i^r
 The shortest player: Gavilan Diego (Tecos, Mexico) 172 i^r
 The heaviest player: Chilavert Jose Luis (Strasbourg, France) 89 kg
 The lightest player: Gavilan Diego (Tecos, Mexico) 67 kg
 The most capped player: Struvoy Estanislao (Libertad, Paraguay), Chilavert Jose Luis (Strasbourg, France) 69
 The youngest player: Stevens Nelson (River Plate, Argentina) 22 y
 The oldest player: Stevens Estanislao (Libertad, Paraguay) 33 y
 PARAGYAN - BASED PLAYERS 4, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, BRAZILIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, ARGENTINIAN - BASED PLAYERS 3, GREEK - BASED PLAYERS 1, MEXICAN - BASED PLAYERS 6, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, PORTUGUESE - BASED PLAYERS 1, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, CHILEAN - BASED PLAYERS 1

SOUTH AFRICA

The tallest player: Yonk Hans (Heerenveen, Netherlands) 196 sm
 The shortest player: Mngomezi Thabo (Orlando Pirates, South Africa) 169 sm
 The heaviest player: Issa Pierre, Radobe Lucas (Leeds, England) 85 kg
 The lightest player: Mngomezi Thabo (Kaizer Chiefs, South Africa) 63 kg
 The most capped player: Radobe Lucas (Leeds, England) 65
 The youngest player: Mokoena Aaron (Gremial Beerschot Antwerp, Belgium), Pule Jabo (Kaizer Chiefs, South Africa) 21
 The oldest player: Arendse Andri (Santos Cape Town) 34 y
 SOUTH AFRICAN - BASED PLAYERS 7, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 2, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 2, BELGIUM - BASED PLAYERS 2, RUSSIAN - BASED PLAYERS 2, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 3, BULGARIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, SWISS - BASED PLAYERS 2, DANISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, PORTUGUESE - BASED PLAYERS 1, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1

BRAZIL

The tallest player: Dida (Corinthians, Brazil) 195 sm
 The shortest player: Junior (Parma, Italy) 170 sm
 The heaviest player: Marcus (Palmeiras, Brazil) 86 kg
 The lightest player: Kleberson (Atletico Paranaense, Brazil) 64 kg
 The most capped player: Cafu (Roma, Italy) 103
 The youngest player: Kleberson (Atletico Paranaense, Brazil) 22 y, 11 m, 13 d
 The oldest player: Cafu (Roma, Italy) 31 y, 11 m, 25 d
 BRAZILIAN - BASED PLAYERS 12, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 5, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 3, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1

TURKEY

The tallest player: Sukur Hakan (Parma, Italy) 191 sm
 The shortest player: Bostuk Yildiz (Boyer, Germany) 168 sm
 The heaviest player: Ozat Umit (Turkey) 89 kg
 The lightest player: Pembe Ergun (Galatasaray, Turkey) 64 kg
 The most capped player: Erkan Abdullah (Fenerbahce, Turkey) 69
 The youngest player: Belozoglu Emre (Inter, Italy) 21 y, 8 m, 23 d
 The oldest player: Korkmaz Bulent (Galatasaray, Turkey) 33 y, 6 m, 7 d
 TURKISH - BASED PLAYERS 13, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 4, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 4, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 1

CHINA

The tallest player: Jin Jiang (Tianjin Teda, China) 198 sm
 The shortest player: Haidong Hao (Dalian Shide, China) 175 sm
 The heaviest player: Jin Jiang (Tianjin Teda, China) 87 kg
 The lightest player: Bo Qu (Qingdao Hainiu) 68 kg
 The most capped player: Zhiyi Fan (Dundee FC, Scotland) 108
 The youngest player: Bo Qu (Qingdao Hainiu, China) 20 y, 10 m, 16 d
 The oldest player: Chulalong Ouy (Yunnan Hongta, China) 33 y, 9 m, 5 d
 CHINESE - BASED PLAYERS 21, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, SCOTTISH BASED PLAYERS 1

COSTA RICA

The tallest player: Wright Mauricio (Herediano, Costa Rica) 191 sm
 The shortest player: Bryce Steven (Alajuelense, Costa Rica) 170 sm
 The heaviest player: Wanchope Paulo Cesar (Manchester City, England) 83 kg
 The lightest player: Castro Carlos (Alajuelense, Costa Rica) 64 kg
 The most efficient player: Fonseca Rolando (Saprissa, Costa Rica) 38
 The most capped player: Solis Mauricio (Alajuelense, Costa Rica) 04
 The youngest player: Vallejos Daniel (Herediano, Costa Rica) 21 y, 4 d
 The oldest player: Lomis Erick (Saprissa, Costa Rica) 36 y, 8 m, 21 d
 COSTA RICAN - BASED PLAYERS 20, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, GREEK BASED PLAYERS 1

POLAND

The tallest player: Matysiek Adam (Poland) 191 sm
 The shortest player: Bok Arkadiusz (Widzew Lodz, Poland) 176
 The heaviest player: Matysiek Adam (Poland) 90 kg
 The lightest player: Olisadebe Emmanuel (Panathinaikos, Greece) 70 kg
 The most capped player: Waldach Tomasz (Schalke, Germany) 71
 The youngest player: Olisadebe Emmanuel (Panathinaikos, Greece) 23y, 5m, 10 d
 The oldest player: Matysiek Adam (Poland) 33 y, 10 m, 12 d
 POLISH - BASED PLAYERS 8, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, TURKISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 7, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, GREEK - BASED PLAYERS 1, BELGIUM - BASED PLAYERS 1, CHINESE - BASED PLAYERS 2

USA

The tallest player: Friedel Brod (Blackburn Rovers, England) 193 sm
 The shortest player: Jones Cobi (Los Angeles Galaxy, USA), Beasley Damarcus (Chicago Fire, USA) 170 sm
 The heaviest player: Meola Tony (Kansas City Wizards) 93 kg
 The lightest player: Lewis Eddie (Fullham, England) 71 kg
 The most capped player: Jones Cobi (Los Angeles Galaxy, USA) 155
 The youngest player: Beasley Damarcus (Chicago Fire, USA) 20 y, 8 d
 The oldest player: Agosto Jeff (San Jose Earthquakes, USA) 34 y, 29 d
 AMERICAN BASED - PLAYERS 13, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 6, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 3, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 2

PORTUGAL

The tallest player: Xavier Abel (Liverpool, England) 189 sm
 The shortest player: Pinto Joo (Sporting, Portugal) 171 sm
 The heaviest player: Costa Jorge (Charlton, England) 86 kg
 The lightest player: Pinto Joo (Sporting, Portugal) 67 kg
 The most capped player: Couto Fernando (Lazio, Italy) 82
 The youngest player: Viana Hugo (Sporting, Portugal) 19 y, 4 m, 17 d
 The oldest player: Bento Paulo (Sporting, Portugal) 32 y, 11 m, 11 d
 PORTUGUESE - BASED PLAYERS 14, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 2, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 4, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 2, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1

GERMANY

The tallest player: Jancker Karsten (Bayern, Germany) 193 sm
 The shortest player: Neuville Oliver (Bayern, Germany) 171 sm
 The heaviest player: Butt Hans-Joerg (Bayern, Germany) 91 kg
 The lightest player: Neuville Oliver (Bayern, Germany) 64 kg
 The most capped player: Ziege Christian (Tottenham, England) 66
 The youngest player: Metzelder Christoph (Borussia Dortmund, Germany) 21 y, 6 m, 26 d
 The oldest player: Bierhoff Oliver (Monaco, France) 34 y, 30 d
 GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 20, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 2, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1

SAUDI ARABIA

The tallest player: Al Deayea Mohammed (Al Hilal, S.Arabia) 189 sm
 The shortest player: Sulaiman Hussein (Al Ahli, S.Arabia) 172 sm
 The heaviest player: Al Dosary Abdullah Jumraan (Al Hilal, S.Arabia) 83 kg
 The lightest player: Althagafi Mansour (Al Nassr, S.Arabia) 59 kg
 The youngest player: Al Shihab Mohammad (Al Hilal, S.Arabia) 21 y, 5 m, 22 d
 The oldest player: Al Deayea Mohammed (Al Hilal, S.Arabia) 29 y, 9 m, 29 d
 SAUDI ARABIAN - BASED PLAYERS 23

IRELAND

The tallest player: Quinn Niall (Sunderland, England) 195 sm
 The shortest player: Connolly David (Wimbledon, England) 172 sm
 The heaviest player: Quinn Niall (Sunderland, England) 100 kg
 The lightest player: Duff Damien (Blackburn, England) 60 kg
 The most capped player: Staunton Steve (Aston Villa, England) 98
 The youngest player: Rehi Stephen (Millwall, England) 21 y, 2 m, 23 d
 The oldest player: Quinn Niall (Sunderland, England) 35 y, 7 m, 26 d
 ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 23

CAMEROON

The tallest player: Kalla Raymond (Extremadura, Spain) 192 sm
 The shortest player: Olembe Salomon (Olympique, France) 171 sm
 The heaviest player: Kalla Raymond (Extremadura, Spain) 86 kg
 The lightest player: Olembe Salomon (Olympique, France) 66 kg
 The most capped player: Songoo Jacques (Metz, France) 66
 The youngest player: Kameri Idriss (Le Havre, France) 18 y, 3', 13 d
 The oldest player: Boukar Alioum (Samsunspor, Turkey) 30 y, 4', 29 d
 FERNCH - BASED PLAYERS 8, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 5, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 4, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, UNITED ARAB EMIRATE BASED PLAYERS 1, TURKISH - BASED PLAYERS 2, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1

NIGERIA

The tallest player: Kanu Nwankwo (Arsenal, England) 197 sm
 The shortest player: Ikeda Pius (Ajax, Netherlands) 166 sm
 The heaviest player: West Taribo (Kaiserslautern, Germany) 87 kg
 The lightest player: Ikeda Pius (Ajax, Netherlands) 60 kg
 The youngest player: Obapinni Femi (3SC Ihedon, Nigeria) 17 y, 2', 30 d
 The oldest player: Shorunmi Ike (Lucerne, Switzerland) 34 y, 7', 16
 SWISS - BASED PLAYERS 1, NIGERIAN - BASED PLAYERS 3, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 3, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 3, UKRAINIAN - BASED PLAYERS 2, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, BELGIAN - BASED PLAYERS 2, GREEK - BASED PLAYERS 1, ISRAELI - BASED PLAYERS 1, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 2, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, CHINESE - BASED PLAYERS 1, RUSSIAN BASED PLAYERS 1.

ARGENTINA

The tallest player: Burgos German (Spain), Cavallero Pablo (Celta, Spain) 188 sm
 The shortest player: Gollard Marcelo (Monaco, France) 169 sm
 The heaviest player: Burgos German (Spain) 90 kg
 The lightest player: Almir Pabulo (Valencia, Spain) 62 kg
 The most capped player: Simeone Diego (Lazio, Italy) 104
 The youngest player: Samuel Walter (Roma, Italy) 24 y, 2 m, 11 d
 The oldest player: Caniggia Claudio (Rangers, Scotland) 35 y, 4 m, 23 d
 ARGENTINIAN - BASED PLAYERS 2, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 7, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 2, ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 8, BRAZILIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, GREEK - BASED PLAYERS 1, ISRAELI - BASED PLAYERS 1, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 2, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 1, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, BELGIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, RUSSIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1.

ENGLAND

The tallest player: James David (West Ham, England) 193 sm
 The shortest player: Vassell Darius (Aston Villa, England) 169 sm
 The heaviest player: James David (West Ham, England) 94 kg
 The lightest player: Dyer Kieron (Newcastle, England) 60 kg
 The most capped player: Seaman David (Arsenal, England) 68
 The youngest player: Seaman David (West Ham, England) 20 y, 6 m, 23 d
 The oldest player: Seaman David (Arsenal, England) 38 y, 8 m, 12 d
 ENGLISH - BASED PLAYERS 22, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 1

RUSSIA

The tallest player: Filimonov Alexander (Uralan Elista, Russia) 194 sm
 The shortest player: Izmailov Marat (Lokomotiv, Russia) 169 sm
 The heaviest player: Filimonov Alexander (Uralan Elista, Russia) 84 kg
 The lightest player: Semshov Igor (Torpedo, Russia) 64 kg
 The most capped player: Karipin Valery (Celta, Spain) 69
 The youngest player: Streltsov Dmitry (Spartak, Russia) 14 y, 7 m, 6 d
 The oldest player: Cherkasov Stanislav (Firol, Austria) 38 y, 8 m, 29 d
 ITALIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, SPANISH - BASED PLAYERS 4, AUSTRIAN - BASED PLAYERS 1, DUTCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, FRENCH - BASED PLAYERS 1, GERMAN - BASED PLAYERS 4, RUSSIAN - BASED PLAYERS 14



JAPAN / SOUTH KOREA WORLD CUP **2002** COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM



GROUP A - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
May 31	France 0	v Senegal 1
Jun 01	Uruguay 1	v Denmark 2
Jun 06	France 0	v Uruguay 0
Jun 06	Denmark 1	v Senegal 1
Jun 11	Denmark	v France
Jun 11	Senegal	v Uruguay

GROUP B - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
Jun 02	Paraguay 2	v Sth Africa 2
Jun 02	Spain 3	v Slovenia 1
Jun 07	Spain 3	v Paraguay 1
Jun 08	Sth Africa 1	v Slovenia 0
Jun 12	Sth Africa	v Spain
Jun 11	Slovenia	v Paraguay

GROUP C - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
Jun 03	Brazil 2	v Turkey 1
Jun 04	China 0	v Costa Rica 2
Jun 08	Brazil 4	v China 0
Jun 09	Costa Rica 1	v Turkey 1
Jun 12	Costa Rica	v Brazil
Jun 11	Turkey	v China

GROUP D - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
Jun 04	Sth Korea 2	v Poland 0
Jun 05	USA 3	v Portugal 2
Jun 10	Sth Korea	v USA
Jun 10	Portugal	v Poland
Jun 14	Portugal	v Sth Korea
Jun 14	Poland	v USA

GROUP E - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
Jun 01	Ireland 1	v Cameroon 1
Jun 01	Germany 8	v S Arabia 0
Jun 05	Germany 1	v Ireland 1
Jun 06	Cameroon 1	v S Arabia 0
Jun 11	Cameroon	v Germany
Jun 11	S Arabia	v Ireland

GROUP F - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
Jun 02	England 1	v Sweden 1
Jun 02	Argentina 1	v Nigeria 0
Jun 07	Sweden 2	v Nigeria 1
Jun 07	Argentina 0	v England 1
Jun 12	Sweden	v Argentina
Jun 12	Nigeria	v England

GROUP G - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
Jun 03	Croatia 0	v Mexico 1
Jun 03	Italy 2	v Ecuador 0
Jun 08	Italy 1.	v Croatia 2
Jun 09	Mexico 2	v Ecuador 1
Jun 13	Mexico	v Italy
Jun 13	Ecuador	v Croatia

GROUP H - TIMETABLE

DATE	TEAM	TEAM
Jun 04	Japan 2	v Belgium 2
Jun 05	Russia 2	v Tunisia 0
Jun 09	Japan 1	v Russia 0
Jun 10	Tunisia	v Belgium
Jun 14	Tunisia	v Japan
Jun 14	Belgium	v Russia

PLACINGS - A

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 DENMARK	1	1	0	3	2	4
2 SENEGAL	1	1	0	2	1	4
3 URUGUAY	0	1	1	1	2	1
4 FRANCE	0	1	1	0	1	1

PLACINGS - B

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 SPAIN	2	0	0	6	2	6
2 SOUTH AFRICA	1	1	0	3	2	4
3 PARAGUAY	0	1	1	3	5	1
4 SLOVENIA	0	0	2	1	4	0

PLACINGS - C

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 BRAZIL	2	0	0	6	1	6
2 COSTA RICA	1	1	0	3	1	4
3 TURKEY	0	1	1	2	3	1
4 CHINA	0	0	2	0	6	0

PLACINGS - D

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 USA	1	0	0	3	2	3
2 SOUTH KOREA	1	0	0	2	0	3
3 PORTUGAL	0	0	1	2	3	0
4 POLAND	0	0	1	0	2	0

PLACINGS - E

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 GERMANY	1	1	0	9	1	4
2 CAMEROON	1	1	0	2	1	4
3 REP. IRELAND	0	2	0	2	2	2
4 SAUDI ARABIA	0	0	2	0	9	0

PLACINGS - F

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1 SWEDEN	1	1	0	3	2	4
2 ENGLAND	1	1	0	2	1	4
3 ARGENTINA	1	0	1	1	1	3
4 NIGERIA	0	0	2	1	3	0



PLACINGS - G

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS</th
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